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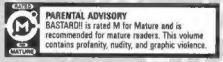
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THE CAST

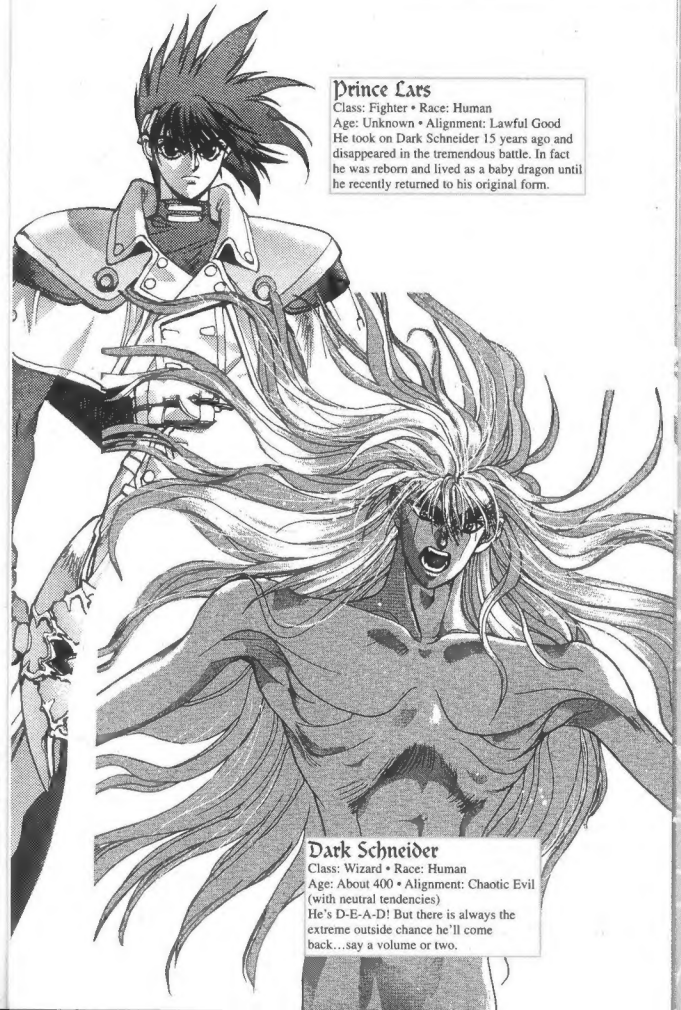
Kall-Su
Class: Wizard • Race: Human
Age: Unknown • Alignment: Lawful Evil
A troubled child who grew up to be an extremely powerful wizard. At one time he was widely considered to be on par with Dark Schneider, his old friend and confidant. When they fought the very earth trembled but D.S. proved to be too much and killed him! However, he came back to life and patched things up with his old buddy.

Abigail
Class: Cleric (Black Magic) • Race: Human
Age: Unknown • Alignment: Neutral Evil
Once the high priest of Anthrasax and one of the Four Divine Kings, he was destroyed by Dark Schneider in a fearsome battle. But it turns out his soul was merely corrupted by the God of Destruction, and he's made a surprise return! Now he's a good guy again! He loves to hit D.S. with very heavy magical items.

Tia Noto Yoko
Class: Cleric (White Magic) • Race: Human
Age: 17 • Alignment: Lawful Good
She got an earful from Abigail last volume and is still recovering.

Dark Schneider is dead! He fought valiantly, channeling the elite spells of his friends into a four-pronged attack of unimaginable power in an attempt to destroy Anthrasax for good! But in his attempt he paid the ultimate price! Meanwhile, Abigail launches into a bout of intense exposition the likes of which this manga has never seen! For page after page he carefully explains the shady past of the Ten Wise Men of Europea, the origins of life, even managing to work in how orcs, goblins, and gnomes fit into the picture! Needless to say poor Tia Noto Yoko's quite confused by the barrage of hard facts as she struggles to wrap her head around the big picture Abigail is laying out. And after all of that Anthrasax is reborn into its final form—the true manifestation of God's rage! With Dark Schneider out of the picture is there any hope for humanity at all?

Prince Lars
Class: Fighter • Race: Human
Age: Unknown • Alignment: Lawful Good
He took on Dark Schneider 15 years ago and disappeared in the tremendous battle. In fact he was reborn and lived as a baby dragon until he recently returned to his original form.



Dark Schneider
Class: Wizard • Race: Human
Age: About 400 • Alignment: Chaotic Evil (with neutral tendencies)
He's D-E-A-D! But there is always the extreme outside chance he'll come back…say a volume or two.

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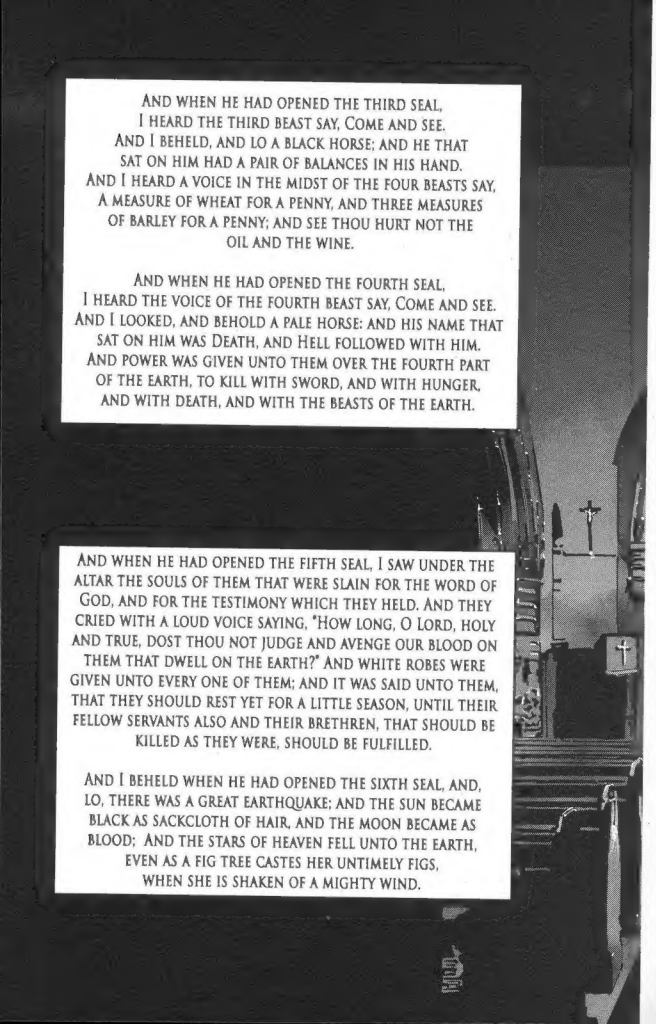
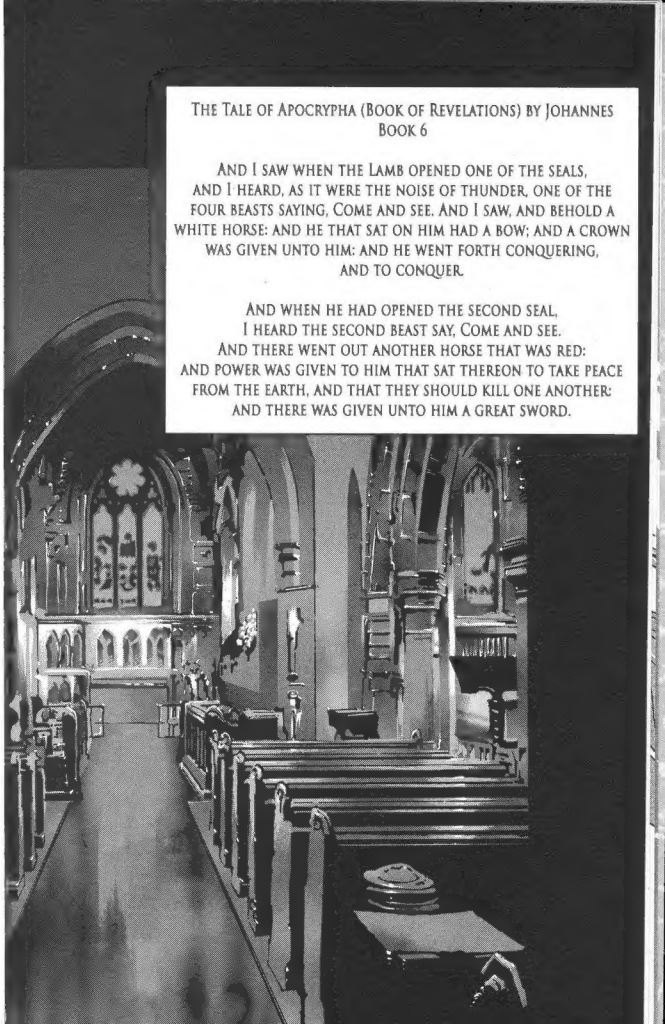


And when he had opened the third seal,
I heard the third beast say, Come and see.
And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that
sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.
And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say,
A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures
of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the
oil and the wine.

And when he had opened the fourth seal,
I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.
And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that
sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him.
And power was given unto them over the fourth part
of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger,
and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree castes her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.



The Tale of Apocrypha (Book of Revelations) by Johannes
Book 6

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals,
and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the
four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a
white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown
was given unto him: and he went forth conquering,
and to conquer.

And when he had opened the second seal,
I heard the second beast say, Come and see.
And there went out another horse that was red:
and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace
from the earth, and that they should kill one another:
and there was given unto him a great sword.

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Descent III

And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

The Seventh Chapter

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed and there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

(omission)

The Eighth Chapter

And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

GSHH AAAA
DGMDMDM
IF ANNIHILATION IS THE FATE THAT GOD HAD ALREADY DESIGNED FOR US... WHY WERE WE BORN?!
WHY... WHY EVEN LET US LIVE THIS LONG?!
VAI! DON'T DO THIS!
GSHNK
YOU IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING! JORG AND SCHEN, THEY BELIEVE IN YOU!
THAT'S WHY THEY ARE SACRIFICING THEIR LIVES!
DM DM DM DM
DM DM DM DM
GWOOOOH

GAH!
HERE GOES!
GGGMDM GGM BOOM
DMM DMDM
WHAT IS THE REASON...
WHAT...
VAI!
GSH
GYA-AAA-AH!
MKSH

HAHAHA.
JOSHUA! HURRY UP AND GO!
WE'VE ALL BET OUR LIVES ON D.S.!
THE ULTIMATE SAMURAI ATTACK!
DW
OM
DD MM
WOBBLE
HE HE...
SO FIERCE, IT'LL CONSUME MY LIFE...
COME ON, YOU MONSTER! I'LL SHOW YOU MY LAST RESORT...
BK CRACK!

KREEE!
ALL MANKIND, THE END OF TIMES HAS COME!
DOOM
GOD'S PLAN WILL BE FOLLOWED!
DM DM DM
JUST AS GOD TOLD HIS FOLLOWERS, THE PROPHETS...
"THE END IS NIGH. THE SEVEN MESSENGERS SHALL TRUMPET THEIR HORNS.
WRO
OOM
AAAA

IT SEEMS THEY HAVE BEGUN THEIR MATERIAL-IZATION..
THERE IS A CHANGE DETECTED IN THE DEMONIC HORDE.
FOR AN ANGEL, AN ETHEREAL BEING EXISTING ON A HIGH DIMEN-SIONAL PLANE..
...TO SOLIDLY APPEAR IN THE PRIME MATERIAL PLANE, IN WHICH WE LIVE...
THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION WAS AN INCIDENTAL VEHICLE FOR THEM TO MATERIALIZE INTO THIS PLANE.
GGOOOO
...THEY MUST MAKE USE OF AN EMPTY VESSEL.
LIKE THAT CONTAINING THE LIFE FORCE OF THE ARTIFICIAL ANTHRASAX.
HMMM... SO THEY HAVE FINALLY SHOWN THEIR TRUE NATURE..

A FOURTH LEVEL ANGEL BESTOWED WITH PRIORITY OVER MAN BY GOD ON HIGH.
WWWWH
THE FACE OF THE ANGEL ...!
AH! LOOK!
KLNK
NK
LNK
GMGMGM
HWOOSH
VWSHH
KLNK
I AM A DOMINION.
WROOOOU

FWAA AAH
GGNGN
ZNOO OOOH
GNK

GGGGWOOOO
GOD IS OUR ENEMY!!
THAT'S THE UNADULTERATED TRUTH!
SO THAT'S IT...
GOD, PLEASE PROTECT PAPA AND MAMA AND EVERYONE...
GOD...

OOOOO?
THEY FLOODED THE HEAVENS OF THIS EARTH.
GGGGWOOOO
OOH! ANGELS!
GOD'S ARMY...!

The Book of Enoch lists over 100 names of Angels but it is also clear that the number of Angels in the heavens number into thousands of millions.

According to the 5th century Syriac monastic, Pseudonym Dionysius the Areopagite, there are nine hierarchical levels of Angels.

1st Angel (Seraphim) – Metatron
Presence Angel (Cherubim) – Sandalphon
Throne Angel (Thrones) – Zaphkiel
Dominion Angel (Dominions) – Zadkiel
Strength Angel (Virtues) – Raphael
Lord Angel (Powers) – Camael
Authority Angel (Principalities) – Haniel
Archangel (Archangels) – Michael
Angel (Angels) – Gabriel

Here they are divided into levels. However, due to various changes in the heavenly realm (the rebellion and casting down of the Fallen Angels) there was considered a need to create the first Archangels. Michael was granted as the head Angel, along with Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel. Angels and were allowed their names with Satanail have been added to the right and more beneath.

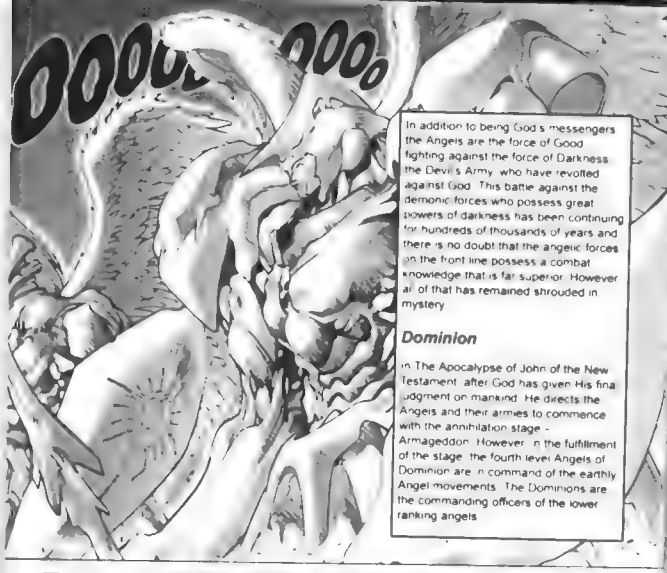
ANGEL

Immortal beings who serve the living God and live in the Heavenly Kingdom. Plural (both the Angels commissioned by and of Heaven) Hebrew: Malakh. Greek: ἄγγελος (angelos) or archangelos. They are the first created from God's army of "do-ers" and, possessing a strong, flamboyant appearance, they have been known to act as intercessors between God and humans. They occasionally appear in the form of a human. Although these two figures (Angel of Death and Angel of Darkness) are mentioned, there is no mention of Angels possessing artificial or mechanical bodies – instead, no commercial form is ever mentioned. Other texts also portray a spiritually like body of the angel, transformed into bodily shape. The Angel's divinity and weapons are a part of the angel's own body.

Angels, being created from the nature of divine Fluid and possessing powers of mind, possessions, dwelling, being, events or causes caused or involved in, or side with the world, human race.

According to the Old Testament the Angels, under God's orders, have committed many other acts of punishment against humankind varying out from: Expulsion out of the Garden and Eden to Lot and Abraham's sodom when they turned their backs on God and the countless destructions, Egyptians and their pursuit, Egyptian Exodus – Moses.

RUSTLE-RUSTLE
WOOM
GWOO
"I A NOT YOKO AS I AM ALSO A CLERIC UNDERSTAND YOUR CONFLICTED FEELINGS
SHWAAA
CRK
"IT'S A "TERROR OF EXTREME REGRET" AND CONDEMNATION
"THEY FELT THE IMPENDING DOOM FOR ALL MANKIND" IT'S THE FEAR DEEP WITHIN THE SOUL OF A SINNER WHEN TOUCHED BY A HOLY PRESENCE
"THE MOMENT HUMANITY WAS DRAWN TO GAZE UPON THESE SHINING BEINGS



In addition to being God's messengers the Angels are the force of Good fighting against the force of Darkness the Devil's Army who have revolted against God. This battle against the demonic forces who possess great powers of darkness has been continuing for hundreds of thousands of years and there is no doubt that the angelic forces on the front line possess a combat knowledge that is far superior. However all of that has remained shrouded in mystery

Dominion

In The Apocalypse of John of the New Testament after God has given His final judgment on mankind. He directs the Angels and their armies to commence with the annihilation stage - Armageddon. However in the fulfillment of the stage the fourth level Angels of Dominion are in command of the earthly Angel movements. The Dominions are the commanding officers of the lower ranking angels

ALL OF MANKIND IS AWARE OF THIS! THEY KNOW THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE NO VALUE TO WARRANT LIFE!
THE HISTORY OF HUMANITY IS A CYCLE OF SIN!
THEY KILL IN ORDER TO LIVE, THEY DESTROY, THEY ARE ENVIOUS, THEY DECEIVE, THEY STEAL, THEY HATE, AND THEN THEY KILL AGAIN!
CRACK
ONLY IF THEIR SOUL WAS TO BE CAST DOWN INTO HELL AND ROASTED FOR ALL OF ETERNITY...
A HORRENDOUS TERROR!
SHOUTS CALLING FOR FORGIVENESS!
THEN THEY WANT TO BE SAVED!
PRAYERS!
NOD NOD
AND THAT IS BECAUSE...
BUT IT IS ALL TOO LATE! TOO LATE!

ALL OF MANKIND UNDERSTANDS THIS FEELING INSTINCTIVELY!
THE TERROR THAT A DOG FEELS FACED WITH ITS OWNER YELLING WITH THE R FIST RAISED!
THE TERROR THAT A DISRESPECTFUL CHILD FEELS WHEN THEY BEHOLD THE SIGHT OF AN ANGRY PARENT!
THOSE IN FRONT OF THEIR EYES ARE THE MESSENGERS FROM THE GREAT GOD!
WRG
AOOOOH
"GOD REALLY EXISTS!"
"I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! NO! I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT!"
THE PUNISHMENT FROM HEAVEN, WHICH HAD ONLY BEEN A RUMOR! AT LAST IT HAS DESCENDED TO EARTH! THE TIME HAS COME FOR ONE'S SINS TO BE PUNISHED BY THE IGNORED WILL OF GOD!
THERE IS NO ONE! NO HUMAN COULD BE LIKE THAT!
WROAH
YES! IS THERE ANYONE WHO HAS NEVER COMMITTED A SIN SINCE THE TIME THEY WERE BROUGHT INTO THIS WORLD?!

BECAUSE
BECAUSE

BECAUSE
BECAUSE
BWAK
BECAUSE

ZDM

BE
CAUSE
BWAK
CRACK

BECAUSE
BECAUSE
HAAAAA
BE-CA-
CAU
CAUSE
BECAUSE
BECAUSE
KSHEEEE
BECAUSE
KKSHKSH
BECAUSE
BECAUSE

I'M NOT GOING TO BE DEAD WEIGHT! LEAVE ME AND GO!
CRA CK
GGNK GGNK GGNK
HOLD ON. DARK SCHNEIDER'S POWER IS NEARBY.
BOOM
GBOOM
JO...
NO.
I'M NEVER LETTING YOU GO.

BOOM
GAWOOOH
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
JOSHUA
YOU AWAKE, KAI?
NNH.
AH...
YOU MIGHT BITE YOUR TONGUE IF YOU KEEP TALKING!
WAH
KABOOM
PUT ME DOWN...
ONE LEG IS SHORTER THAN THE OTHER.
HUH.

FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL LIKE IT'S HIM.
THERE IS ONE THING THAT I CAN BELIEVE IN.
AT THIS MOMENT, ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION...
BUT...

WHEN YOU DIE, DIE ALONE! DON'T DRAG ME INTO IT!
AAHAHAH!

I DON'T CARE IF YOU ALL LIVE OR DIE!
BUT YOU SHITHEADS, I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING!

HIS FREEDOM AND HIS TOUGH GUY STRENGTH
WE WERE PROBABLY ALL ENAMORED WITH HIM... ALL OF US.

HE'S QUITE THE MYSTERIOUS MAN. THIS WARRIOR CALLED DARK SCHNEIDER.

I DON'T CARE FOR THE LIKES OF HIM...
ME?!

WHAT?!
KAI... YOU, TOO, FELL IN LOVE WITH THAT MAN, RIGHT?

I COULD NEVER TOUCH THAT SCUM CATCHING SCRUFF YOU CALL A BEARD!!
HEH.

I AM DEFEATED. PLEASE DELIVER THE FINAL BLOW!

TO LOSE HOPE WOULD BE THE TRUE DEATH OF HUMANITY..
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF MISFORTUNE AILS YOU,
DON'T GIVE UP.

LET'S GO TO HIM... OKAY, KAI?
IT'LL BE OKAY! WE HAVE D.S.!

JOSHUA...

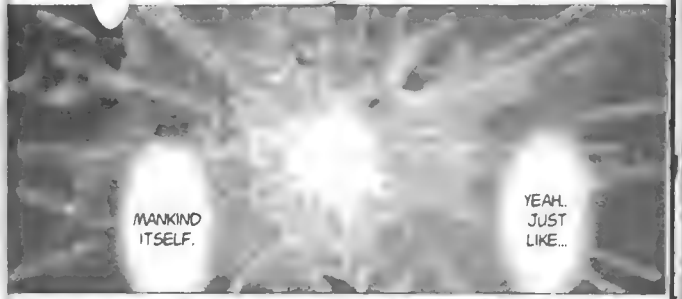
TO BE TRUTHFUL, THESE PAST FEW WEEKS WITH HIM HAVE BEEN LITTLE MORE THAN A SERIES OF CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN HIS DARK SENSIBILITIES AND OUR NOBLE METHODS
...AND HIS BELIEFS WERE POLAR OPPOSITES TO THOSE OF THE SAMURAI.
WICKED, SLY, HEARTLESS, AND CRUEL. D.S.'S INSTINCTS WERE, IN EVERY SENSE, EVIL.
...HE'LL FIGHT HIS USERS.

GRAAAAH MAARSH!
WITH THESE INFINITE LIFE-TIES
WHY WERE HUMANS EVER BORN
WHY

DAMMIT! HOW MANY ARE THERE!

WHY...?

LIKE
IT IS ALMOST LIKE
AND YET AT THE SAME TIME BEING ABLE TO LOVE ALL JUST LIKE GOD
LIKE THE DEVIL HATING EVERY-THING WITH A PASSION.

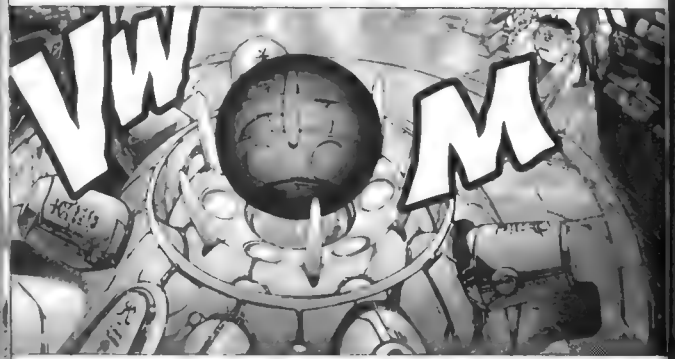

MANKIND ITSELF.
YEAH. JUST LIKE...

GRR
AH
GASP!

AND A DEEP LOVE.
A PASSIONATE HATRED
GGGRRRR
WHAT
GGHH

IT CAN'T BE..
THIS CAN'T BE POSSI BLE
IT'S POSSI BLE
WHAT'S A KAL
?

VHOOo
O-SH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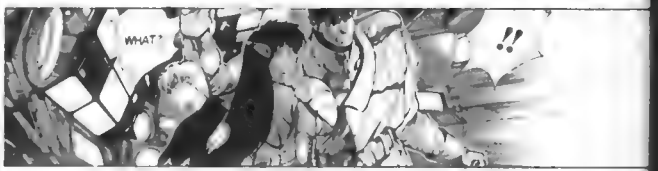
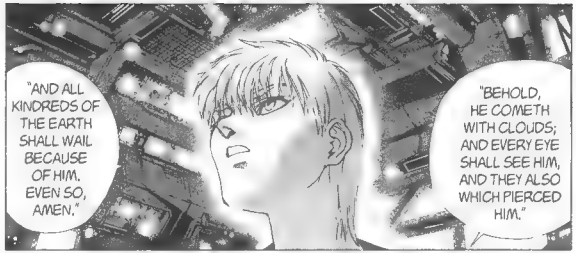

WHAT'
!!

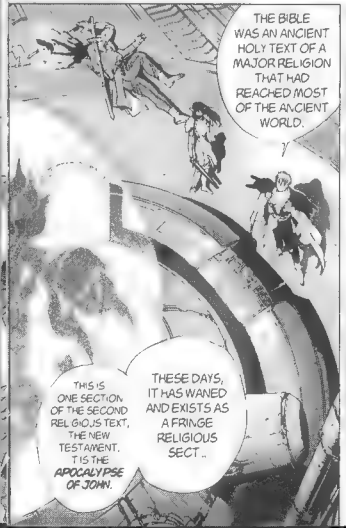
ISHAA

ISHHH

THE APOC ALYPSE OF JOHN TEX'
OKAY, IT'S COMING UP'
VWM
WHAT'S UP'
THIS LOOKS LIKE A SYSTEM THAT USES HIGH LEVEL MAGIC
THIS IS..
ANCIENT TEXT WHO IS AND WHO WAS'

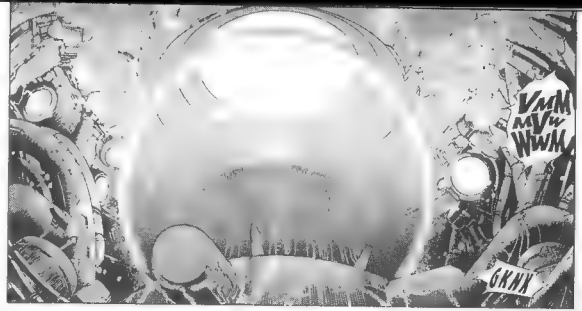

"AND ALL KINDREDS OF THE EARTH SHALL WAIL BECAUSE OF HIM. EVEN SO, AMEN."
"BEHOLD, HE COMETH WITH CLOUDS; AND EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM, AND THEY ALSO WHICH PIERCED HIM."

DO YOU GUYS KNOW OF THE BIBLE?
...?


THE BIBLE WAS AN ANCIENT HOLY TEXT OF A MAJOR RELIGION THAT HAD REACHED MOST OF THE ANCIENT WORLD.
THESE DAYS, IT HAS WANED AND EXISTS AS A FRINGE RELIGIOUS SECT..
THIS IS ONE SECTION OF THE SECOND RELIGIOUS TEXT, THE NEW TESTAMENT. T IS THE APOCALYPSE OF JOHN.

AH, THE BIBLE!
YOU KNOW OF IT, GARA?!
..THE BIBLE?

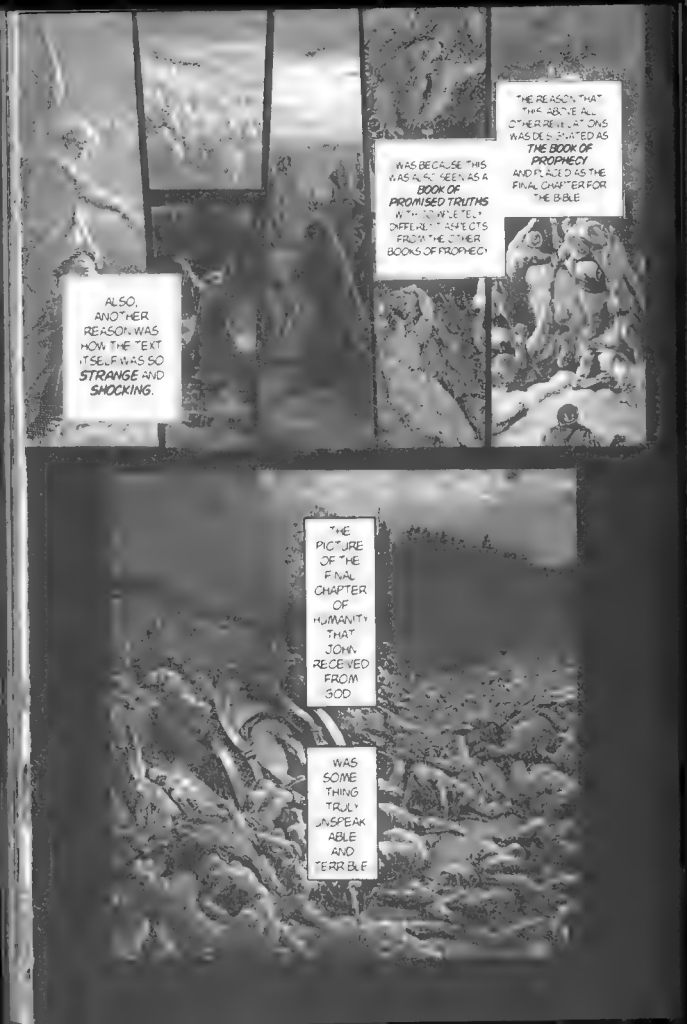
NOPE!


VMM MV W WWM
GKNK

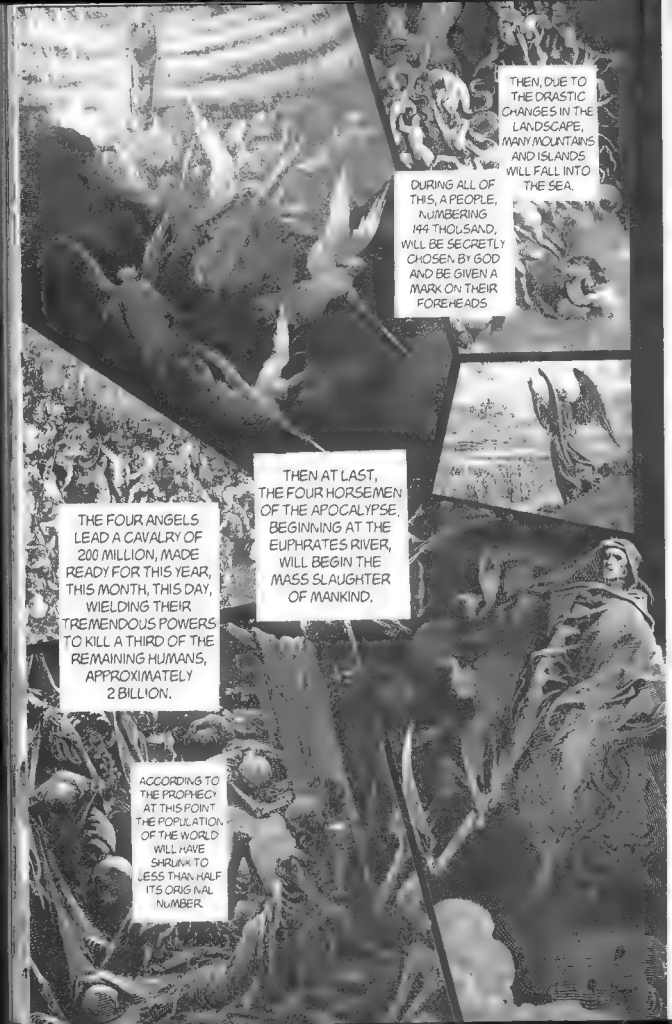
THE SEVEN CHURCHES, INPUT YOUR PASSWORDS NOW. REPEAT
SCREEN ON. MY NAME IS JOHN.

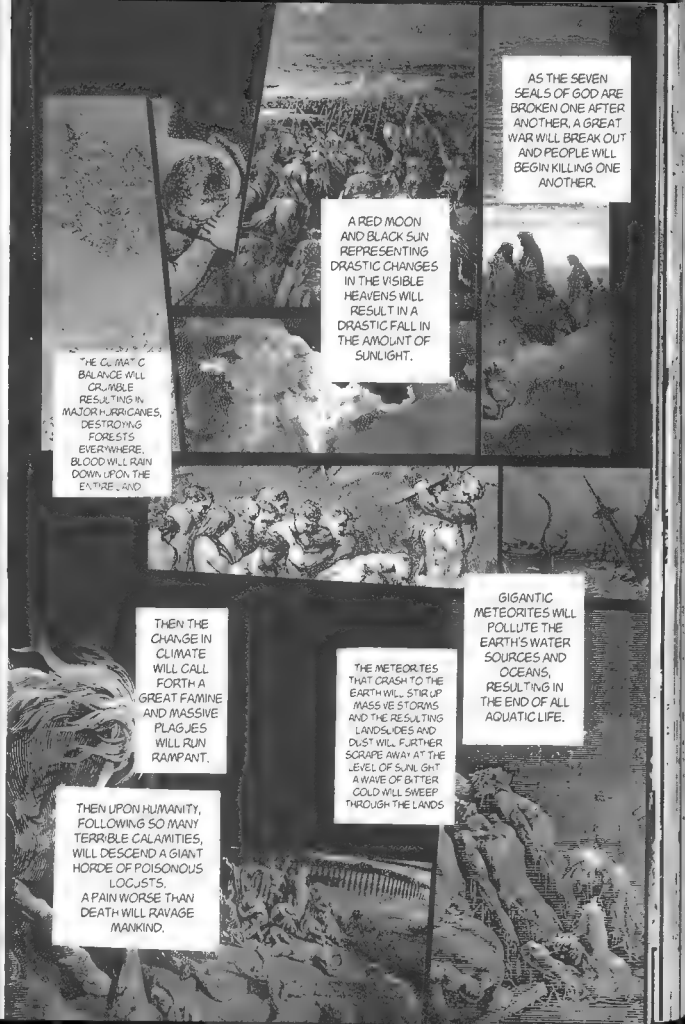
BLZAPP
BZZ ZAP
AAGGH!
CALM DOWN, GARA!
SO NOISY.
WHAT-WHAT THE HELL?! YO, WHAT THE HELL IS THAT, HUH!
GARA

JOLT!
I SAW A SIMILAR LOOKING SYSTEM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIDDEN CASTLE. A LITTLE WHILE AGO
WHAT? YOU SERIOUS, NEI?


ALSO, ANOTHER REASON WAS HOW THE TEXT ITSELF WAS SO STRANGE AND SHOCKING.
IT WAS BECAUSE THIS WAS ALSO SEEN AS A BOOK OF PROMISED TRUTHS WITH COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ASPECTS FROM THE OTHER BOOKS OF PROPHECY
THE REASON THAT THE WRITER ALL OTHER RELATIONS WAS DESIGNATED AS THE BOOK OF PROPHECY AND PLACED AS THE FINAL CHAPTER FOR THE BIBLE
THE PICTURE OF THE FINAL CHAPTER OF HUMANITY THAT JOHN RECEIVED FROM GOD
WAS SOMETHING TRULY UNSPEAKABLE AND TERRIBLE

THE THE APOCALYPSE OF JOHN IS A MYSTERIOUS PROPHECY TEXT THAT EVEN NOW, AMONG ALL THE HOLY TEXTS, ELICITS THE MOST CONTROVERSY FOR ITS WEALTH IN HOLY SECRETS.
THE APOCALYPSE OF JOHN
IT'S THE PROPHETIC TEXT OF ANNIHILATION.
BETWEEN THE YEARS AD 80 TO 90 ONE OF THE TWELVE DISCIPLES JOHN, AT PATMOS ISLAND ON THE AEGEAN SEA, IS BESTOWED WITH A VISION FROM GOD. JOHN WROTE DOWN HIS STRANGE VISION, WHICH SHOWED THE FUTURE OF MANKIND, AND SENT THEM TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF THE TIME.


THEN, DUE TO THE DRASTIC CHANGES IN THE LANDSCAPE, MANY MOUNTAINS AND ISLANDS WILL FALL INTO THE SEA.
DURING ALL OF THIS, A PEOPLE, NUMBERING 144 THOUSAND, WILL BE SECRETLY CHOSEN BY GOD AND BE GIVEN A MARK ON THEIR FOREHEADS
THEN AT LAST, THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE, BEGINNING AT THE EUPHRATES RIVER, WILL BEGIN THE MASS SLAUGHTER OF MANKIND.
THE FOUR ANGELS LEAD A CAVALRY OF 200 MILLION, MADE READY FOR THIS YEAR, THIS MONTH, THIS DAY, WIELDING THEIR TREMENDOUS POWERS TO KILL A THIRD OF THE REMAINING HUMANS, APPROXIMATELY 2 BILLION.
ACCORDING TO THE PROPHECY AT THIS POINT THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD WILL HAVE SHRUNK TO LESS THAN HALF ITS ORIGINAL NUMBER.


AS THE SEVEN SEALS OF GOD ARE BROKEN ONE AFTER ANOTHER, A GREAT WAR WILL BREAK OUT AND PEOPLE WILL BEGIN KILLING ONE ANOTHER.
A RED MOON AND BLACK SUN REPRESENTING DRASTIC CHANGES IN THE VISIBLE HEAVENS WILL RESULT IN A DRASTIC FALL IN THE AMOUNT OF SUNLIGHT.
THE CLIMATIC BALANCE WILL CRUMBLE RESULTING IN MAJOR HURRICANES, DESTROYING FORESTS EVERYWHERE. BLOOD WILL RAIN DOWN UPON THE ENTIRE LAND
GIGANTIC METEORITES WILL POLLUTE THE EARTH'S WATER SOURCES AND OCEANS, RESULTING IN THE END OF ALL AQUATIC LIFE.
THE METEORITES THAT CRASH TO THE EARTH WILL STIR UP MASSIVE STORMS AND THE RESULTING LANDSLIDES AND DUST WILL FURTHER SCRAPE AWAY AT THE LEVEL OF SUNLIGHT A WAVE OF BITTER COLD WILL SWEEP THROUGH THE LANDS
THEN THE CHANGE IN CLIMATE WILL CALL FORTH A GREAT FAMINE AND MASSIVE PLAGUES WILL RUN RAMPANT.
THEN UPON HUMANITY, FOLLOWING SO MANY TERRIBLE CALAMITIES, WILL DESCEND A GIANT HORDE OF POISONOUS LOCUSTS. A PAIN WORSE THAN DEATH WILL RAVAGE MANKIND.

A CATACLYSMIC BATTLE THAT WILL PLUNGE HUMANITY INTO THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR...
THAT'S RIGHT. BUT THERE'S MORE TO THIS...
THE APOCALYPSE OF JOHN PROPHESIZES A TERRIFYING FUTURE FOR HUMANITY.
AH!
I GET IT! THE GREAT WAR THAT DESTROYED THE ANCIENT WORLD 400 YEARS AGO!
AND THE PROPHECY IS ALREADY BEING FULFILLED!
ANGEL'S EXTINCTION WHAT DOES THIS MEAN
WH-WHAT ?!
GKGKGKGH
CRACK CRACK
ARMAGGEDON!
DM DM DM DM DM DM DM DM

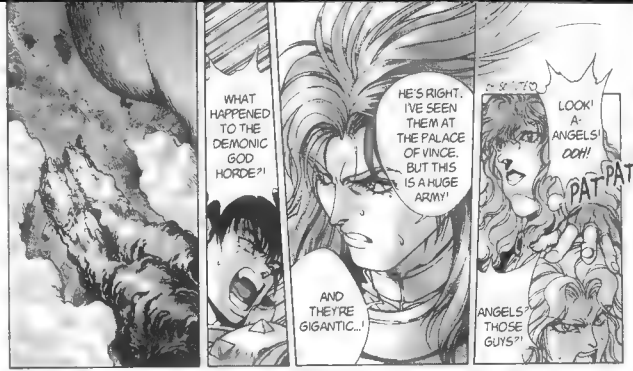
WHOOA. IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN ON A DRAGON
WHAT THE HELL!
WHOOO

GWO BOOOOOOOOH

BWAH
THAT HURTS, VLAD! DON'T RUSH!
THAT WAS CLOSE
IT'S TORN THE ASS OFF OF THE ARC!

...WILL BE TORN TO PIECES!
IF THIS CONTINUES, THE ARC...

DM DM DM DM DM DM

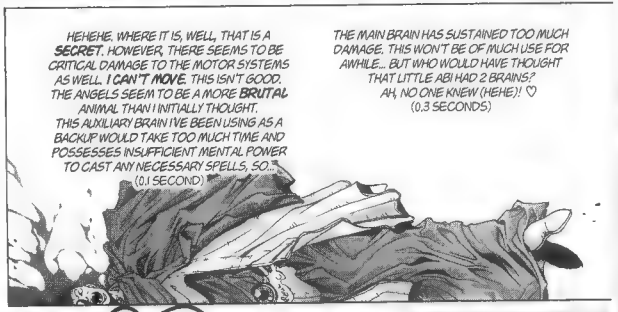

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DEMONIC GOD HORDE?!
HE'S RIGHT. I'VE SEEN THEM AT THE PALACE OF VINCE. BUT THIS IS A HUGE ARMY!
AND THEY'RE GIGANTIC...!
LOOK! A-ANGELS! OOH!
PAT PAT
ANGELS? THOSE GUYS?!

DG OOM
GAAH!

IGLEEEY
UNBELIEVABLE!
SUCH AWESOME POWER...
SOME BEING POSSESSING TREMENDOUS POWER IS ABOUT TO APPEAR HERE!
KRAH!
HM! WHAT'S THIS...?!
SOMETHING APPROACHES!
DOOM
GAHH!

I WAS TOO CAUGHT UP IN DISCUSSION... I SEE! TELEFORTATION (0.2 SECONDS)
CURSES... HOW COULD I HAVE LET THEM GET SO CLOSE...
YOINK

THNK
SPLCH


HEHEHE. WHERE IT IS, WELL, THAT IS A SECRET. HOWEVER, THERE SEEMS TO BE CRITICAL DAMAGE TO THE MOTOR SYSTEMS AS WELL. I CAN'T MOVE. THIS ISN'T GOOD. THE ANGELS SEEM TO BE A MORE BRUTAL ANIMAL THAN I INITIALLY THOUGHT. THIS AUXILIARY BRAIN I'VE BEEN USING AS A BACKUP WOULD TAKE TOO MUCH TIME AND POSSESSES INSUFFICIENT MENTAL POWER TO CAST ANY NECESSARY SPELLS, SO... (0.1 SECOND)
THE MAIN BRAIN HAS SUSTAINED TOO MUCH DAMAGE. THIS WON'T BE OF MUCH USE FOR AWHILE... BUT WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT LITTLE ABI HAD 2 BRAINS? AH, NO ONE KNEW (HEHE)! ♡ (0.3 SECONDS)

OOOO
IF THIS WERE LEFT AS IS, MISS YOKO'S LIFE WOULD BE IN DANGER. BUT I HAVE NO MEANS TO HELP. (0.01 SECOND)
I MIGHT BE INCURRING THE DEADLY WRATH OF D.S., HAVING TAKEN ON THIS GIRL AS MY RESPONSIBILITY, BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, WITH D.S.'S POWERS OF DARKNESS, HE HAS NO WAY OF ESCAPING FROM GOD'S SEALED SPACE. NO MORE CARDS ARE LEFT! TOO BAD. FAREWELL, BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY! ♡ (0.02 SECONDS)
SPLAT
GYAAAAOH
YOU ARE SO... U

I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO HARM THIS PERSON.
WOOSH
ANGELS..
FWAP
KYEEKEE!!!

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WRAAHAHAHAAA.

IS IT OKAY, ATSUSHI KAMIZYO? WE'RE FRIENDS NOW!

DIDN'T I TELL YOU?

"OOOH REALLY? ...BUT I WONDER WHAT HE THINKS OF THIS, EH...?"

"GULP."

RAPID FIRE 4-PANEL CHAT

KIRIN GETTING TIRED OF THIS

BSWI=SUZANNE VEGA

BUDLESS DAYS AND SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

BY IMPOSSIBLE! THIS CAN'T GO ON HAGIWARA

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS RUBY

STAFF DECIMATED.

VOLUME IS... FIX... ALMOST... DEAD...

WHY ARE YOU SO ENERGETIC?

THUD

I GUESS... THERE MIGHT BE SOME DIFFICULTY ASSOCIATED WITH OUT-THERE MANGA LIKE THIS...

TWITCH...

BUT...

RASP WHEEZE

STOP! NO MORE!

SO MUCH PAIN... SO MUCH FUN...

THIS HAPPENS EVERY SPRING AAAGH!

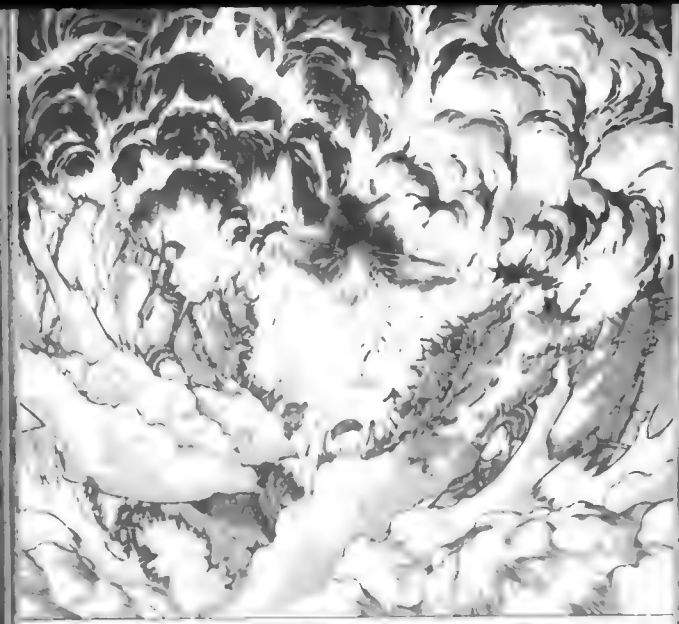
HEY, NEW TECH!

PATHETIC. BUT TOO MUCH FUNNY. BUSINESS AND YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH SENMOTO (EDITOR HEI-CHAN).

GAAAH!

KRAH
BEEP
GGM
BOOM
BUT BEFORE YOU ARE CAST INTO THE FIRES OF HELL, STRUGGLE AS MUCH AS YOU WISH IN A HOPELESS DEFENSE OF YOUR FRAIL SOULS, YOU PATHETIC FAILURES.
KROOOOH
FOR IT WOULDN'T BE INTERESTING IF YOU DIDN'T RESIST.
HAHAHA. NO KIND OF POWER ON THE FACE OF THIS EARTH CAN DAMAGE WE ANGELS, THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE POWER OF GOD...
HUH...
DM-DM-DM
VWOOOOOOOOOH

ZOOOOOM
GRBOOM
JUDO!
KABOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
GKSHOOOM

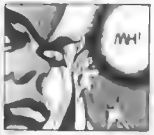


ENORMOUS

HM! THE MAGEL ATTACK STOPPED
WHAT'S THIS
WHAT IS IT!

FALL, THIS ARC OF SIN BURN AND CRUMBLE ALONG WITH THE EVIL THAT YOU CARRY!
WE SHALL HARVEST YOUR GREED POLLUTED SOULS.!

GWOO OOH


MH!

FSHHHHH

SHUCH SHUCH!
ZSHAA!

AOAOAOAOFUU!
(TRANSLATION: UNKNOWN)
AOOH!
AOOH!
FWAP
FWAP

GWEEN GWEEEN
IT'S OFF THE CHARTS! IT'S RATHER UNSTABLE, BUT...
EE! EE! EE!
P!
P!
THIS IS AN ANGELIC... N-NO, I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT?!
WHAT THE DEVIL IS IT?!

SEVERAL THOU-SAND...!
WH-WHAT?!
IT'S EASILY SEVERAL THOUSAND TIMES THAT OF THE ANGELS OUTSIDE THE SHIP!

UNBELIEVABLE! THIS AMOUNT OF ENERGY IS BEYOND ANY COMPREHENSION...!
TH-THIS IS RADIANT ENERGY FROM ONE SOLID BODY?!

THAT WOULD MEAN THAT A SUPERIOR ANGEL, COMPLETELY OVERPOWERING THE DOMINIONS, HAS MATERIALIZED!
YNUK!
IF THIS IS REALLY FROM AN ANGELIC SOURCE...

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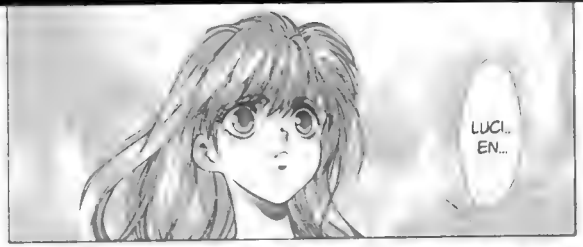
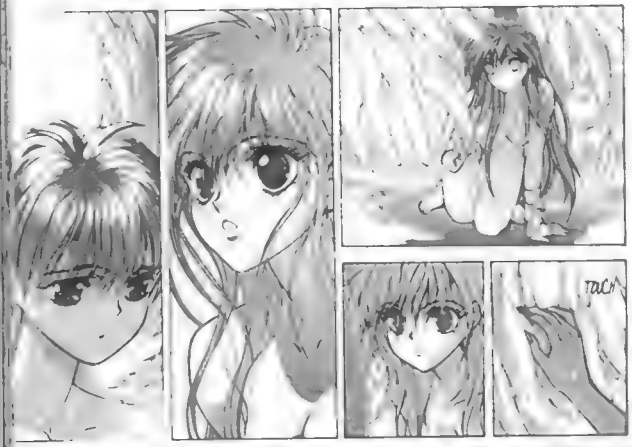

LUCI..
EN...

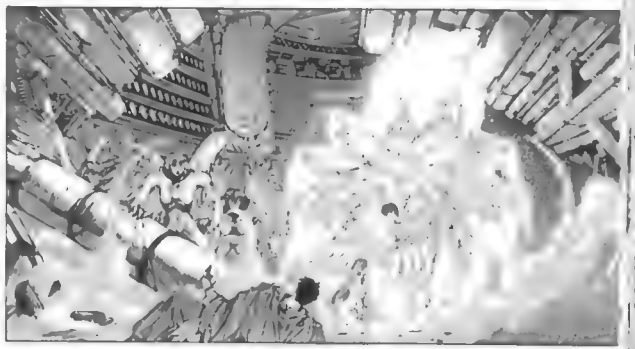

TOUCH

YOU
GREW
WINGS

HUH
WHAT
ARE
YOU
LOOKING
AT.

OH!

MISS
YOKO...

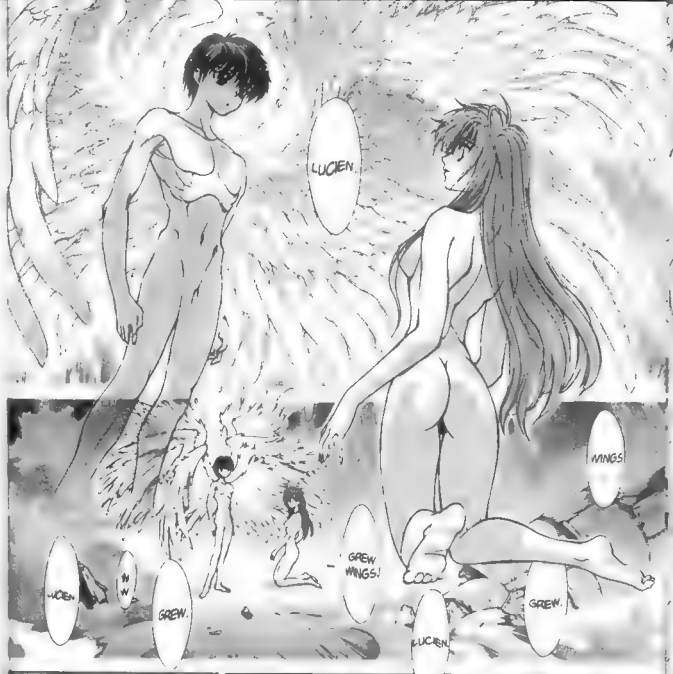


GASP
....
C
COULD
IT
BE

SHINING
TWELVE
WINGS.

HA
HUFF
GGHHoo

NNNMUUUH.
UHUHLAAAA.
TSTSTSEEEEH.
WOOH
DM
GAH!
KRKRKK
PWW
AH..! OH NO! THE ANGEL'S SONG HAS A POTENT HOLY POWER..!
EEEEEEE
BOOM
EH


LUCIEN
WINGS
GREW WINGS!
LUCIEN
IN W
GREW.
GREW.
LUCIEN

FWSH
FWSH
FWSH
GR EW..
GREW WINGS.
LUCIEN
WINGS
FWSH

A AMAZING WAY TO DIE! THIS IS BEING UNFORTUNATE!
DRK GRRK
KRK
TO STOP TIME COMPLETELY, THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE EVEN FOR DARK SCHNEIDER THE ELUSIVE MAN CHARACTER WHO RARELY MAKES AN APPEARANCE!
ALTHOUGH MAGIC CAN CONTROL THE SPEED OF AN OBJECT TO A CERTAIN EXTENT...
TIME FREEZE! THIS IS A TIME MAGIC USED TO IMPLEMENT A RESTRICTED EVASION!!
THIS IS A MIRACULOUS POWER OF GOD...
HOLY SOUL POWER ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT ANY MANIPULATION OF THE POWERS OF MAGIC OR SPIRIT, IS A PHENOMENON THAT CONCRETE OBJECT PHYSICAL POWER
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SEEN THIS!

-BULLALAGGA-
GR OO AH
ANGELS CAN MOVE WITHIN A MOMENT OF FROZEN TIME...
SHRAAAAH
CRASH
KSH GSH KSH

DRAM

K
SH

S-STOPPED
BUT NOT!
IT HAS...

GH

CRACK GSH
VPSH GWOOOH

KYAHAHA HAHAHA...

AAH!

DGH DM DM DM

AGH.. KSHKSH GH.. FUH DWSH.. AO!
DGSH
GKSH

BOOM

WOW!
IS THIS REALLY L-LUCIEN? HE'S...
BGM
GRA
KAAAAH!
AH
GGGOOOH
EEK!
IT'S TOO LATE, ANGELS...
FSH
SO...
HN
BOMP
STRONG!
BOMP
BUT I COULD YO, PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS AUDITY THING!

FLASH
ISH
WAA
Uuh.
DGMMM
DDDM
GKSHH
IGM

VWP
NWA AAH?!
WH-WHAT IS THIS INCREDIBLE POWER?!
GWOOOH
ZOOOM
ZOOM MODE!
GOD THAT LOOK IS HELLISH!
TOWTAKE SENSE SORRY!
WONDERFUL ANGEL EEEE-YYYY-EEEE!
BLINK
B-BUT THAT IS...!
WHAT...?
VSHVSH
JIIAA!
VWSHH
JOIEAAA!
VWSH

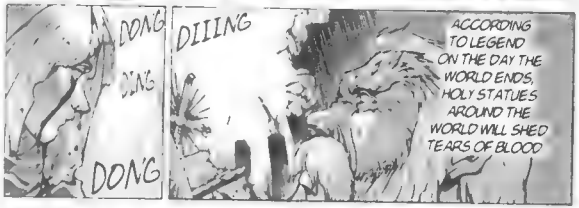
DD
GWOAH
YOUR TIME HAS PASSED.
OOOO
WAA!
SLASH
D.SHAA!

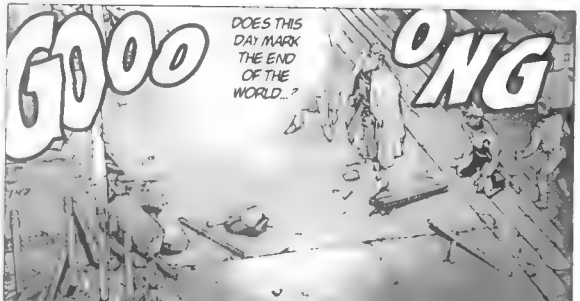
LUCIFER.

TRAMBLE TRAMBLE
IN THAT BATTLE BETWEEN GOD AND THE DEVIL... 900 YEARS AGO!
ALONG WITH THE DARK GOD OF DESTRUCTION...!
WHY... WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
YOU DIED!
JYOEEEEE.
IMPOSSIBLE!

GGGOOOO
DONG
DING
GWRooooooooH
DING DONG DING
RUMBLERUMBLE
DIIING
DOOONG
DIIING

AA-E-E-YOMER...
RUMBLE RUMBLE
RUMBLE
CRUMBLE


DONG
DONG
DONG
DIING
ACCORDING TO LEGEND ON THE DAY THE WORLD ENDS, HOLY STATUES AROUND THE WORLD WILL SHED TEARS OF BLOOD


GOOO
ONG
DOES THIS DAY MARK THE END OF THE WORLD...?

KNIGHT COMMANDER
WHAT IS IT, BON JOVINA?

YOUR HIGHNESS, A CALAMITY

THE HOLY STATUE
HUFF HUFF

THE STATUE IS SHEDDING TEARS OF BLOOD.

WH-WHAT...!

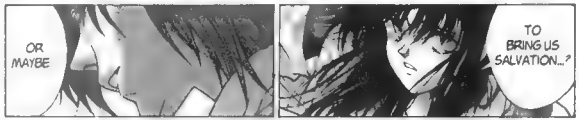
IT'S BLOOD
SNIFF

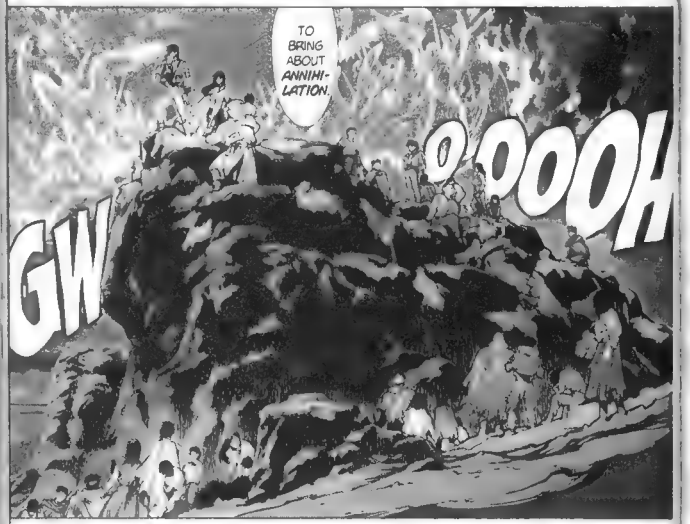
PSH

EEEEEEEEEEE
KROOOO
OOOO
GYAA
AAAAH
DIVISION

PWEEEE
OOO

"THOSE BEINGS HAVE COME TO OUR WORLD FROM AN UNKNOWN, HIGH DIMENSIONAL PLANE THAT WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE
MOST LIKELY AFTER BEING GIVEN A DIRECT COMMAND.

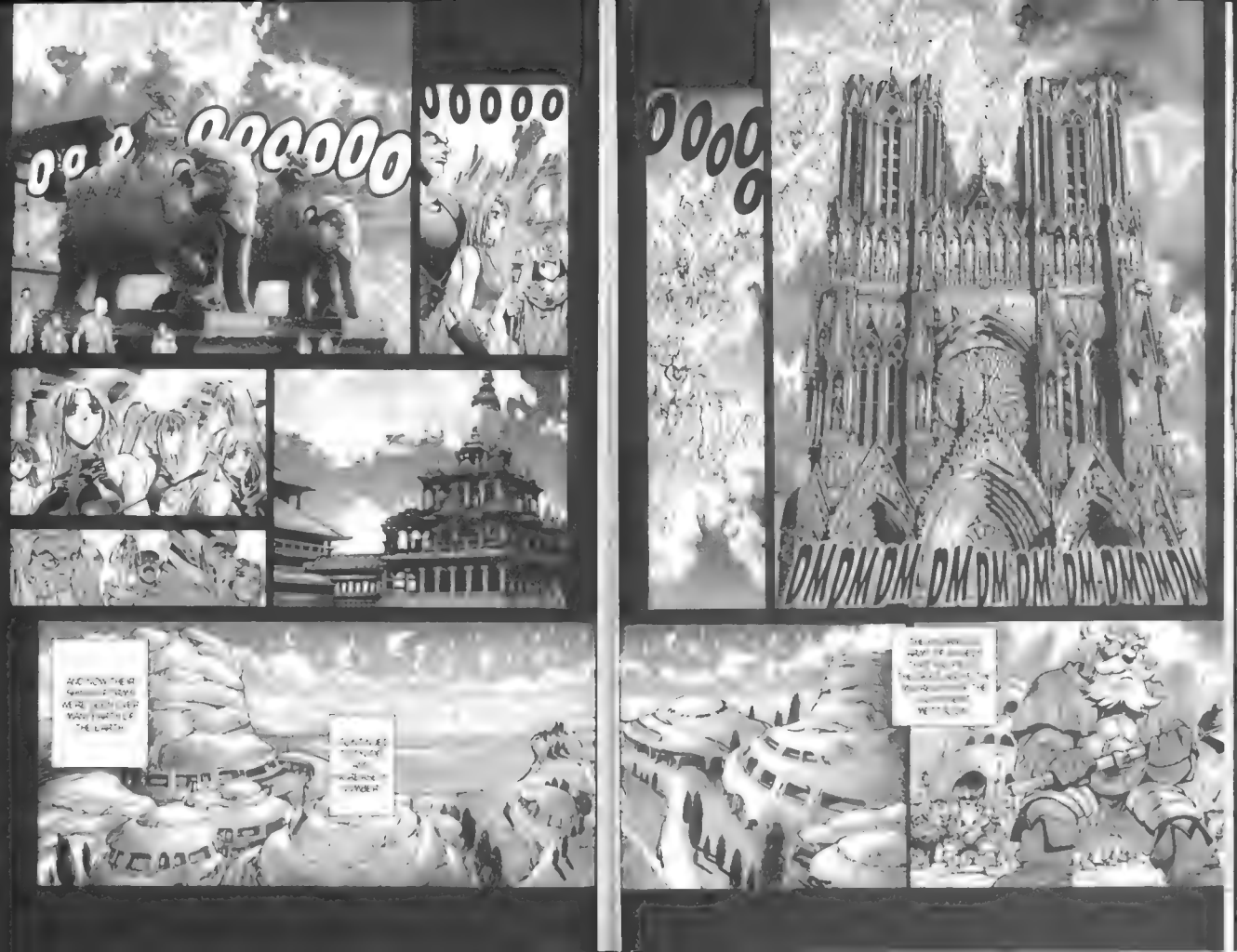


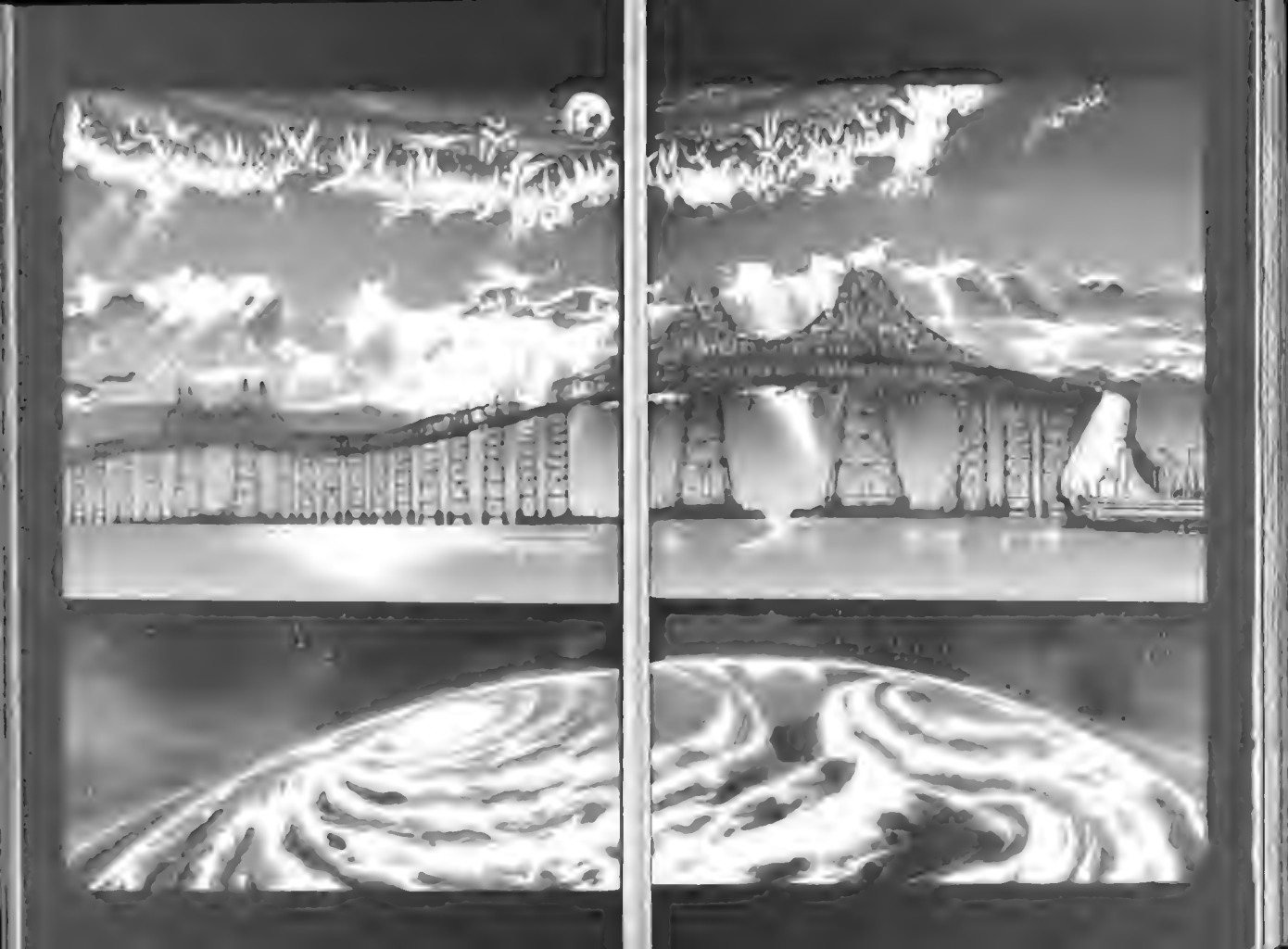


SHELL-A'S ASS

MAC-APINE... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW...?
I DON'T KNOW...
BROTHER, THE ANGELS HAVE COME.
GOD IN HEAVEN MUST HAVE SENT THEM DOWN TO PROTECT US FROM THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION.
...
OLD M-M-M-MUSHROOM GUY, I'M S-S-SCARED!
HAH HAH HAH!
BAH! WHO'S OLD?!

"THEN WHAT ARE YOU."


OOOOOOO
OOOOO
OOOO
DMDMDMDMDMDMDMDMDMDM



THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THE WORLD WAS ABOUT TO FALL QUIETLY UPON THEM.

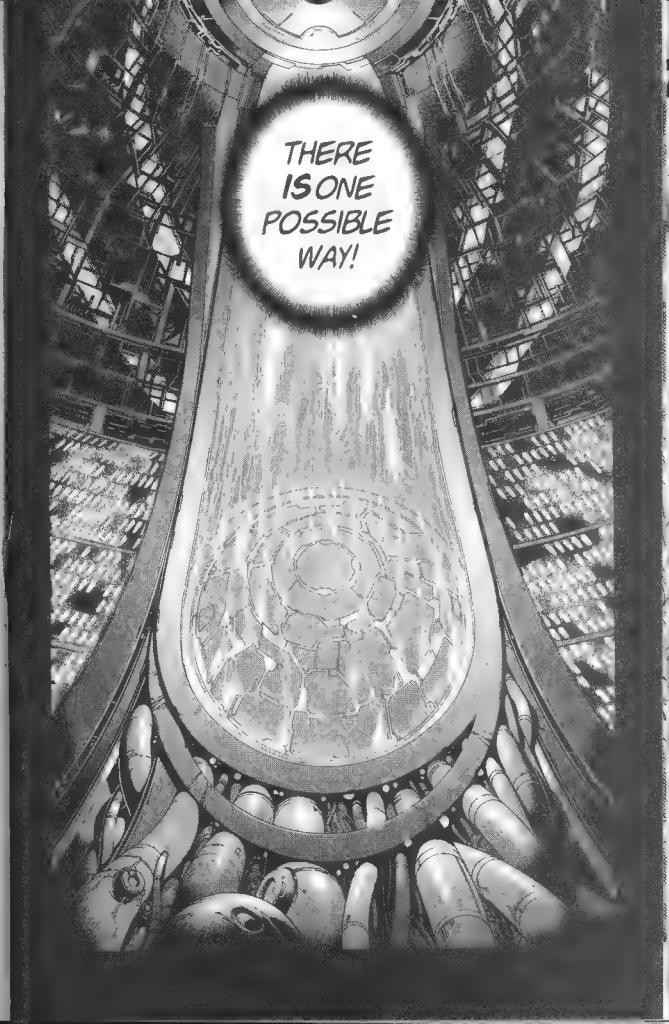
ON THAT DAY ALL THE CREATURES OF THE EARTH GAZED UP TO THE HEAVENS

MISS... YOKO...
MISS YOKO... LISTEN TO ME CARE-FULLY...
LUCIEN, YOUR, UMM... YOUR BODY IS A LITTLE SOFT.
UMM...
...
YOU OKAY? EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
ARE YOU TENSE-ING?
HE HAS BEEN CONTAINED WITHIN THE SEALED DIMENSION, THANKS TO THE HOLY POWER OF THE DOMINIONS.
WHAT YOU SEE IS AN ASTRAL BODY SENT FROM DARK SCHNEIDER.
AN ETHEREAL BODY
ASTRAL BODY!
I HAVE ONLY A LITTLE TIME LEFT.
THE BODY THAT YOU SEE IS NOT REAL...

LUCIEN...
O O O O O O O
TSH TSH
...
MISS YOKO, LISTEN...
!
IT'S REALLY YOU, LUCIEN. ♡

TH..
JSH
TERA EQUALS TEN TO THE TWELTH POWER!
5.67 BILLION TERA-ADELHIEDS OF LIGHT ENERGY.
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO CREATE ENERGY LEVELS COMPARABLE TO THOSE EMPLOYED IN THE CREATION OF THIS EARTH...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! SUCH AN UNBELIEVABLY ENORMOUS AMOUNT...
WH... AT?
TERA
TH-THERE IS...
GWOON GWOON GWOON
GWOON GWOON OON

IN ORDER TO RESURRECT D.S., WHO HAS BEEN SEALED AWAY IN GOD'S BOUND DIMENSION, WE WOULD NEED TO EMPLOY A POWER EQUAL TO WHAT GOD IS USING TO SEAL HIM AWAY!
AND WHAT IS THAT P-POWER ...?
GAP KNK
THIS SEALED DIMENSION IS A VAST ABYSS.
IT IS CREATED BY THE SECRET POWER OF GOD'S POWERFUL LIGHT.
ONLY I, POSSESSING ASPECTS OF THE LIGHT, WAS ABLE TO CROSS OVER THAT MATERIAL BOUNDARY AND ESCAPE THAT SEA OF DESPAIR.
BUT DARK SCHNEIDER, WHO IS OF DARKNESS, CAN NEVER BREAK THAT SEAL.
THE DARKNESS CAN NEVER OVERCOME THE LIGHT!


THERE
IS ONE
POSSIBLE
WAY!

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ABIGAIL CRYSTAL POWER... MAKE UP!♡
ABI DANCES AROUND THE SHOCKED YOKO. HIS OLD HEAD SINKS INTO HIS BODY BEFORE A NEW HEAD POPS UP...
GASP WHEN DO THIS HAPPEN
I'M EVEN POSING
YOKO・SHIKADA AB・RUA THANK YOU
HA HA HA HA HA
INDEED! THERE IS JUST ONE WAY TO GAIN THAT KIND OF POWER!

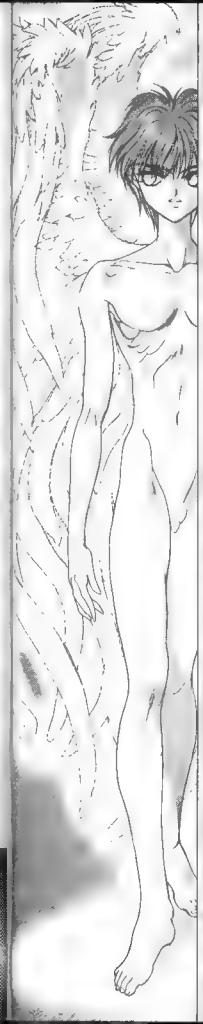
BABOOM
TA DAAA
ZGOO
WHRRL WHRRL
SWING
ZSHA AAA!

EEHEHEHE.
SHRINK
I GUESS ABI IS GOING TO HAVE TO STEP IN AND HELP!
SHIT
HEAD
BY ABI
TADAA
A SHITHEAD LIKE HIM IS TROUBLE EVEN WHEN HE'S NOT HERE!
WHAT'S WITH THE CREEPY VOICE! STOP LAUGHING, YOU SICK FREAK! LUCIEN IS GETTING SCARED!
BWAK
LIGHT ENERGY OF 5,670,000,000 TERA AH IS A MONSTROUS AMOUNT OF ENERGY, ROUGHLY EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT MANIPULATED AT THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE
HUH.
HOWEVER, IF WE COULD START A FULL OVERLOAD OF THE ARC'S ASTRAL ENGINE...
AND? WHAT IS IT THAT WE HAVE TO DO?!
TREMBLE TREMBLE
T-WAS A K.O.
111

IF WE SUCCEED, WE COULD FREE D.S. FROM GOD'S ALCATRAZ SPACE, CORRECT?!
WHAT? REALLY?!
THERE IS A WAY TO CREATE, EVEN IF JUST FOR AN INSTANT, LIGHT ENERGY OF 5,670,000,000 TERA-AH (ADELHIEDS)!
BA-M
GRIP!
IT EXISTS, MY LADY!
AH UNIT OF PHOTON ENERGY
JOLT!
OOOYEAAAH!
JUST A TAD TAKEN ABACK.
...
NOD NOD
110

THERE'S NO NEED TO GO SEARCHING.
WHY NOT ?!
WHERE IS IT?! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THIS NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR FAST OR WE'RE DONE FOR, ABIGAIL!
WE O-ONLY HAVE 32 MINUTES LEFT UNTIL THE SHIP CRASHES! WE'VE GOT TO H-HURRY!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW?
NOT ONLY THAT, THE NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR WILL EXPLODE AND THE ARC WILL LOSE ITS FLOATING POWER.
HOWEVER, FROM MY CALCULATIONS, THE LENGTH OF THE EVENT IS A MERE 1/6000TH OF A SECOND.
LIGHT ENERGY IS EQUIVALENT TO POSITIVE SOUL ENERGY, TIA NOTO YOKO.
WHAT ?!
THIS SHIP'S... ASTRAL ENGINE...
WE COULD BE ABLE TO CREATE THAT KIND OF ENERGY, EVEN IF FOR AN INSTANT!
IF WE KEEP FALLING AT THIS RATE, THE SHIP WILL CRASH IN SOME 32 MINUTES.
FLUTTER FLUTTER
THE ARC HAS ALREADY LOST HALF ITS BUOYANCY AND IS CONTINUING ITS DESCENT.
GAME OVER MAN!
ALTHOUGH NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE NUCLEAR REACTOR...
J...
I SEE. SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT BY, "WE DON'T HAVE TIME..."
SIGH.

JUST NOW... SOMEONE CALLED TO ME.
BZ
ZZZ
YOU WILL NOT!
!
GRRRMM!
VWSH!
HUH?! A GRAVI-TATIONAL TREMOR!
RMB
WAAH! WHAT NOW?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, LARS?
!



WROOOOOH
WE ARE STANDING IN THE CENTER OF THE POWER REACTOR OF KING CRIMSON GLORY!

BLA LLLLLLLLLLL
BOF!
BOF!
BOF!
BOF!
BOF!
THIS CANNOT BE FOR-GIVEN!
VWOOOO
TELE-PORTATION! SOMETHING MASSIVE IS ABOUT TO TELEPORT HERE!
TH.
THIS IS!
KWRAAAAH

RMBRMBRMBRM
KABOOM
AN ANGEL...
DARES TO DEFY THE WILL OF GOD...
!!
VWSH
HA!
A-

WARRIOR ANGELS OF THE DOMINION CLASS...
KLNG KLNG
DOMINION SAMANDIRIEL
GWN GWN
GWN GWN
DOMINION CERVIEL
DOMINION MANUEL
GWN
GWN
GWN GWN GWN
DOMINION ZADKIEL
GWN GWN
DOMINION TERATHEL
GWN
DOMINION ESCHIEL

D-1
ANGEL...!
DM DM DM DM DM
BZZ! BZZ!
DM DM DM DM
...!
GYE AAA AA
LALI HOE AAA !
HAAAA...!
AH

WROOOOOM
OOOOOON

BOMP
BOMP
HUGE
AH
TMP
KH.
BDM
GK
WSH
BWK-BWK
KHOOH
WHY...

ZBAAM

ZZWHOOOH
OR SHOULD I SAY
WHY WOULD YOU GO THIS FAR TO SIDE WITH THESE HUMANS?!
WHAT
LORD LUCIFER!
BWK BWK BWK

FALLEN ANGEL LUCIFER!

THERE WAS A WAR IN HEAVEN.
MISS YOKO...

LUCIFER...!

FALLEN ANGEL...

LONG AGO...

AT LAST... THE ENTIRE MYSTERY IS REVEALED!
"LORD, JR. GET ME OUT..."
"THE TRUE DARK GOD OF DESTRUCTION..."
"DARK SCHNEIDER," "LUCIEN RENLEN," AND...
I SEE... SO THAT IS HOW IT IS...
"WE SHALL DEVOTE OURSELVES TO GOD'S DIVINE ORDER AND BLOT OUT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THESE ACCURSED HUMAN BEINGS, WHO KILL ONE ANOTHER AND WHO PERPETUALLY DESTROY THIS WORLD.
UWOOOOOOOU
KRAH!
DO YOU FAIL TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S PAIN? EVEN THE LOVE AND PATIENCE OF GOD HAS ITS LIMITS!
THE FOLLY OF MAN HAS MORE THAN EXHAUSTED GOD'S PITY.
IS THIS MURDEROUS RAMPAGE THE TRUE SALVATION?
ZSHA
THIS DESTRUCTION IS THE SALVATION FROM GOD!
GLARE

A CHERUBIM.. THE SHINING MORNING STAR THAT RISES, THE HIGHEST RANKED ANGEL, LUCIFER..
..WHO LED A THIRD OF THE HEAVENS AND REBELLED AGAINST GOD.
LUCIFER WAS STRUCK DOWN AFTER THE CIVIL WAR BY THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL WHO LED THE ARMIES OF HEAVEN.
HE WAS CAST DOWN ALONG WITH THE OTHER REBEL ANGELS INTO THE DARKNESS OF HELL.

VWAAH
BZZZT
BZZBZZT
WRO
VSH
SHH
OOH
NO MATTER YOUR ARGUMENT, GOD'S DECISION WILL NOT BE QUESTIONED!
GASP!
ZZZVH
VWSH
FROM THIS EARTH..
DEPART!

MY BROTHERS, GOD'S LOVE IS INFINITE!
NO!
SILENCE! YOU ARE A FALLEN ANGEL!
GRA!
NGH!
SH...

Pure Armor! Blocking Type Heaven and Earth's Active Judgments!
ISH
BOM
BWKWKBWK!

White Cross Heaven and Earth Annihilating Light Bullet!
WOOOH
WAAAGH!

GW YN
VWH
HE IS AN EVIL FALLEN ANGEL.
I WANTED TO ASK OUR FATHER, GOD...
THE TRUE MEANING BEHIND THE COUNTLESS DEATHS
TRUE, ALTHOUGH HUMANS ARE SHAPED LIKE THEIR MAKER, THEY ARE FULL OF SIN AND FLAWED
THEIR SOULS ARE SIMPLE EASILY ENSNARED BY RAGE AND HATE AND THEY BECOME JEALOUS AND GREEDY
HOW COULD LORD LUCIFER POSSESS SO MUCH HOLY POWER...?

GVOW AAAH
WHAT ?!
BLOCKED IT WITH ONE HAND?!
NOT POSSIBLE!
GWA AAAAAAH
THOSE LIGHT BULLETS HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO DESTROY THIS ARC SIX TIMES OVER!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

HUMANITY WILL NEVER ENTIRELY SUCCUMB TO EVIL...
...NO MATTER HOW POLLUTED AND STAINED THE HUMAN HEART BECOMES.
OH, MY BROTHERS
THE ONLY THING LEFT FOR HUMANITY IS TO BE PURGED! THE ONLY REMAINING PATH TO ATONEMENT IS DEATH!
GOOAH
WITH YOUR UNCLEAN LUST FOR THE POWER, YOU DEFILED EDEN.
EVERYTHING IS A RESULT OF YOUR WICKEDNESS!

IF GOD CREATED THE LIFE OF A HUMAN BEING...
GOD ALSO GAVE THEM FREEDOM TO STRAY INTO SIN!
EVEN IF THEY OFFEND AND FAIL TO FULFILL THE PROMISE OF THEIR CREATION, THERE IS NO REASON TO DESTROY THEM AFTER THEY HAVE TASTED LIFE.
AND YOU, LUCIFER, ARE THE VERY ONE WHO LED THESE HUMANS TO THEIR SIN.
THEY ARE FAR BEYOND REDEMPTION BEFORE GOD LOOK UPON THIS RUINED EARTH! THE STAIN OF HUMANITY! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
FOR THAT WOULD BE THE SAME AS HUMANS HARMING OTHER HUMANS! IT IS YOU WHO DOOMS THEM TO OBLIVION.

HAVE FAITH IN WHAT YOU BELIEVE!
BELIEVE IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH!
MY WARRIORS, YOU MUST TRY TO BELIEVE!
EVEN AT A TIME WHEN YOU ARE MOST IN PAIN
WE'RE STILL HERE!
I CAN'T LET YOU GO TO SLEEP AGAIN!
PLEASE SAVE US
AAAH!
AND MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, THERE IS AN ENCOMPASSING LOVE THAT ENABLES UNCONDITIONAL FORGIVENESS.
I'M GLAD..
THAT WAS ABLE TO DIE FOR YOU
WRAA
YEAH YOU'VE CHANGED

THEIR KINDNESS AND WARM SYMPATHY FOR THE WEAK.
FROM TODAY ON YOU BELONG TO ME
THEIR BRAVERY TO STAND UP AGAINST ANY FOE, THEIR ABILITY TO SACRIFICE FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS!
YOU'RE NOT DYING YET!!
I WON'T LET YOU
I'LL PAY WITH MY LIFE!
I'LL USE IT!

DIVWAAH
BLAPP ZZZ
BLAM DM DM DM DM
DOVOUH
THE NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR WILL NO LONGER FUNCTION!
BLAST! IF THERE'S ANY MORE DAMAGE...
GAH!
BOOM
OH NO!
LRRRN LRRRN
LRRRN LRRRN
LRRRN LRRRN

REJECT! REJECT! REJECT!
A FALLEN ANGEL DARES TO SPOUT SUCH NONSENSE!
THE HUMANS DEFILE IT TO THIS EXTENT! UNFORGIVABLE!
ACROSS A SPAN OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS, WE PUT OUR LIVES ON THE LINE TO PROTECT THIS PLANET FROM THE ENCROACHMENT OF DARKNESS, THIS DISRUPTION OF THE COSMOS.
DESTROY! DESTROY! DESTROY!
THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WE ANGELS, AS THE OVERSEERS OF HUMANITY!
VWOH
DIE, LUCIFER!
AND THE ONE WHO MADE ME BELIEVE AGAIN IS...

...
HEH HEHE. HOW MUCH LONGER CAN YOU RESIST THE ATTACKS OF SIX DOMINIONS?
GRBO
BOOM
DM DM DM DM
AWOOH
YOU SINFUL PIECES OF TRASH. THIS SEVENTH LEVEL PRINCIPALITY WILL METE OUT YOUR PUNISHMENT!
IMPUDENT FALLEN ANGEL... YOU! PARTICULARLY CANNOT FORGIVE!

WOOOOOOOH
ZWWSH!
ZWWIWWSH
ZWWIWW
ZWW
IN YOUR ASTRAL BODY STATE, IT SEEMS NOT EVEN THE GREAT LUCIFER CAN SUMMON ENOUGH POWER!
OH, SEE YES DO
SNEER
DWOOOH
AHAHAHAHA. WHAT IS THE MATTER, LUCIFER? YOU'RE FALLING PROSTRATE... HMM?
KAAAH
TH-THIS IS BAD! VEEEERY BAD!
BOMP
TREMBLE TREMBLE

WHAT?!
DON'T GO... UNDERESTIMATING HUMANS!
ZSH
SHWGGGAAAPH
GYAAAAH!
HEAR ME, ANGELS... WE HUMANS AREN'T GOING TO STAND IDLE AND BE BEATEN!
ZAKK..! YNGWEI!
WH-WHAT'S THIS!
THE SPEED OF LIGHT STRIKE!
OO
OOH

OWOOAAH
TO HAVE YOUR HEART STOLEN BY A HUMAN WOMAN AND DEFY GOD!
WE'LL SLASH THIS GIRL TO BITS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES!
WAAGH!
KABOOM!
KH!
WHO'S GOING TO STOP ME, WRAHA-HAHA!
GWROA
STOP! YOU CANNOT HARM HER!
TURN!
EAAAAAH!

THE SORCERER SHOGUN HAVE ARRIVED!!
SORCERER SHOGUN
ROSS ZABOSS FRIEDRICH
SORCERER SHOGUN
SYKES VON SNOWWHITE
SORCERER SHOGUN
YNGWEI VON MATTSTRÖM
SORCERER SHOGUN
VLAD KILLS
SORCERER SHOGUN
ZAKK WALDER
SORCERER SHOGUN
IDA DEESNA
SORCERER SHOGUN
BOL GIL BOL

DNOO H
YOU FOOLS!
!!
I'LL MAKE YOU SEE THE FUTILITY IN YOUR DECISION! DIE!
GULP
GAH!
PWK
...
YOU ARE A KIND SOUL.
SOB SOB
EVERYONE...
YOU'RE THE BEST.

SKRR
ALTHOUGH WE FOUND A DRAGON AND MANAGED TO ESCAPE ALREADY...
...BUT SINCE THE OUTSIDE WAS FULL OF ANGELS..
WE UNDERSTAND MOST OF THE SITUATION THROUGH BOL'S SHADOWS.
THE SHADOWS THAT I SENT OUT SEARCHED EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THIS SHIP.
GUYS... HOW DID YOU GET HERE...?!
THIS... SHIP...
EVERY-ONE...
GULP
WE WILL JOIN FORCES WITH YOUR GROUP AND FIGHT TOGETHER.. FOR THE SAKE OF D.S.'S RESURRECTION.
ALL OF US, NOT JUST MASTER KALL, WERE CONVINCED THAT HERE IS THE ONE WHO WILL LEAD US..
LADY TIA NOTO YOKO...
THAT MOMENT WHEN LORD D.S. APPEARED OUT OF THE FLAMES, HOLDING THE INJURED MASTER KALL...
AND BE DE-STROYED! YOU...
IT IS GOING TO CRASH... AND SOON!
YOU KNEW THAT...
AH...

THE LEGENDARY DRAGON WARRIOR!
GHDOOH
GWO !!!
RMB
"THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO CAN STRIKE ME WITH THAT SWORD ATTACK."
"AT LEAST THERE WOULD BE ONLY ONE"
TH THEN COULD IT...
BUT HOW COULD THAT BE."
OOH
?!!
KWK CRACK
GLEEAA
RMB RMB RMB
LOOK! SOMEONE IS THERE
THAT IS THE ULTIMATE SEALED HOLY SWORD'S SPLITTING STRIKE ATTACK
WOW

SO IS THIS THE POWER OF GOD...?
WELL FUCK ME, HUH?
EVEN WITH MY MAGIC VISION.. I CAN'T SEE PAST IT...
DARKNESS
WELL... I'M STILL FALLING
POMPOUS SHIT, IF YOU ASK ME...!
DARKNESS CAN NEVER WIN AGAINST LIGHT!

ZSHAT
RISE UP, WARRIORS OF LIGHT.
DRAGON PRINCE LARS UHL!
SACRIFICE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO BRING ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF A NEW SAVIOR!
IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR FUTURE AND JUSTIFY YOUR STRENGTH...

WHO ARE YOU...?

RIP
GSH
GAK
GAH!
DWM
IN THE DEPTHS OF THIS SEALED MAGICAL SPACE
SOMETHING IS THERE...
SOMETHING INCOMPREHENSIBLY MASSIVE!
DWOMPH

DWM DWM DWM DWM DWM
THE DEMONIC GOD, SATAN!
DWM DWM
MY NAME IS SATAN.
DM DM DM
HEH HEH
DM DM DM
WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU?!
SHISH SHISH SHISH SHISH
KROOOH
PLEASED TO MEET YOU. WON'T YOU GUESS MY NAME?
WHAT
DDGOOOH
THE KING OF HELL THE LORD OF THE DARK
BORNE FROM THE DARKNESS

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ROUGH NO. 2

EXPANDED THE ARMOR AND OTHER STUFF. SCRAPPED A LOT OF IT AND MADE QUITE A FEW CHANGES. TRIED DRAWING IT OUT... KINDA FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN WATCHING TOO MANY ANIME SHOWS. HMM. IN ANY CASE, FOR YOUR REVIEW, HERE IT IS...

①
I GUESS IT WAS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.
WE MET AT ITO'S PLACE, AND YOU JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE A DESIGN ROUGH OF SOMETHING. I REMEMBER THINKING, "YES! THIS PERSON'S GOT IT!" THEN ASKED YOU TO DO SOME. THAT WAS THE START, RIGHT?
BY THE WAY, MY NUMBER:
(BLACKED OUT)
WHOA. THAT WAS DANGEROUS.

THE FINAL CHAPTER!
AT LAST THE VEIL COMES OFF - DRAGON WARRIORS!

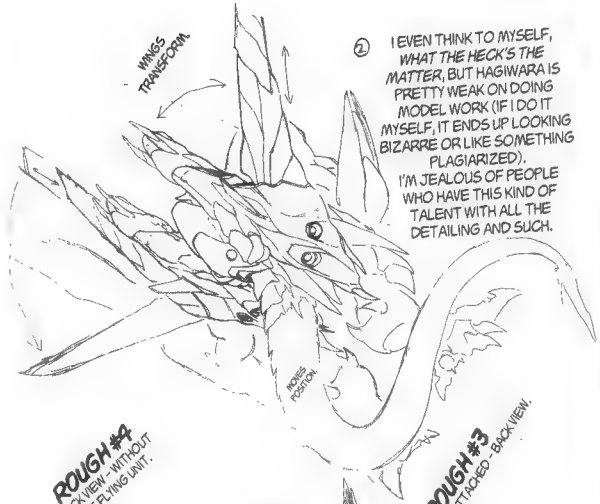
ROUGH SKETCH OF THE DRAGON WARRIOR. NO. 1
URIEL (FOR EXAMPLE) OR WHATEVER.
TRANSFORMING WINGS.
A WEAPON SIMILAR TO GARA'S MURASAME (WAS THAT THE NAME?). IT'S POWER IS SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND TIMES THAT!

RULIA 046'S
DESIGN ROUGHS ON FULL DISPLAY!

③ DRAGON WARRIOR

IN THE WORLD OF *BASTARD!!*, NONE OF THE LIVING CREATURES HAVE THEIR NATURAL FORMS. THEY ARE MAN MADE AND ARTIFICIAL ON THE GENETIC LEVEL. JUST LIKE THE ANCIENT RACE OF GIANTS, THEY ARE OF A RACE FAR MORE ANCIENT THAN THE HUMAN RACE. THE DRAGON RACE WAS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS, AND WERE ALSO ABUSED AS SOLDIERS BY THE ELVES. ACCORDING TO THE HOLY TEXT, THE ENEMY OF GOD, SATAN, IS REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO AS ***BUG*** OR ***DRAGON***. HOWEVER, SEVERAL NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS STATE THAT THE DRAGON IS OF A RACE, NUMBERING VERY FEW, THAT IS ABLE TO BATTLE ***GOD***. AS PREVIOUSLY STATED IN THE ***TRIVIA*** SECTION, THE DRAGON IS A ***LIVING CREATURE*** THAT IS AT THE APEX, BIOLOGICALLY AND PHYSICALLY SPEAKING.

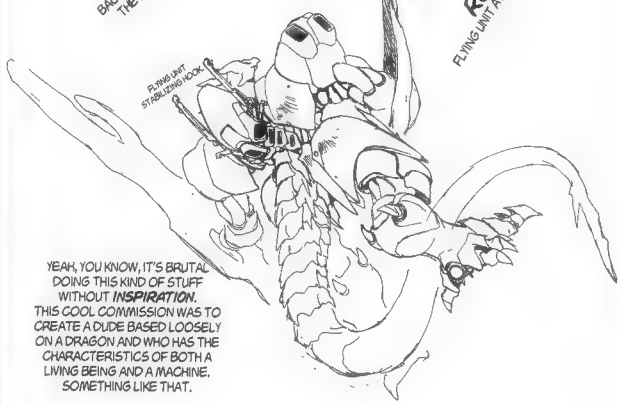
IT IS STRONG AGAINST
PHYSICAL AND MAGICAL ATTACKS.
POSSESSES A GIGANTIC AND POWERFUL PHYSIQUE.
CHARACTERISTIC OF DRAGON LORE,
THEY POSSESS THE INTELLIGENCE TO WIELD ANCIENT MAGIC.
SKILLED AT AERIAL MANEUVERS IN THE SKIES.
DEPENDING ON THE SPECIES, SOME CAN LIVE IN THE WATER OR IN VOLCANOES.
IS PROBABLY ALSO A RACE WITH A STRONG MENTAL CAPACITY AS WELL.



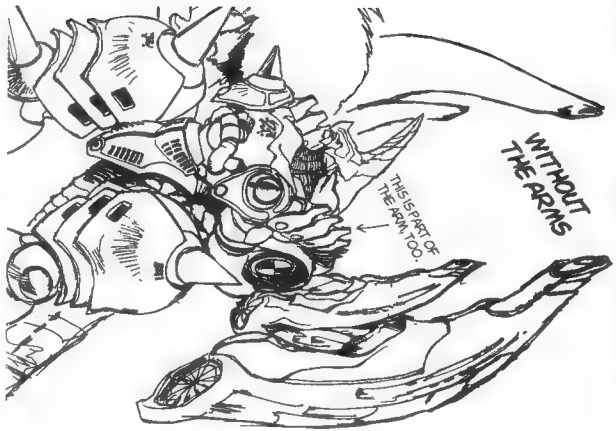
② I EVEN THINK TO MYSELF, *WHAT THE HECK'S THE MATTER*, BUT HAGIWARA IS PRETTY WEAK ON DOING MODEL WORK (IF I DO IT MYSELF, IT ENDS UP LOOKING BIZARRE OR LIKE SOMETHING PLAGIARIZED). I'M JEALOUS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE THIS KIND OF TALENT WITH ALL THE DETAILING AND SUCH.

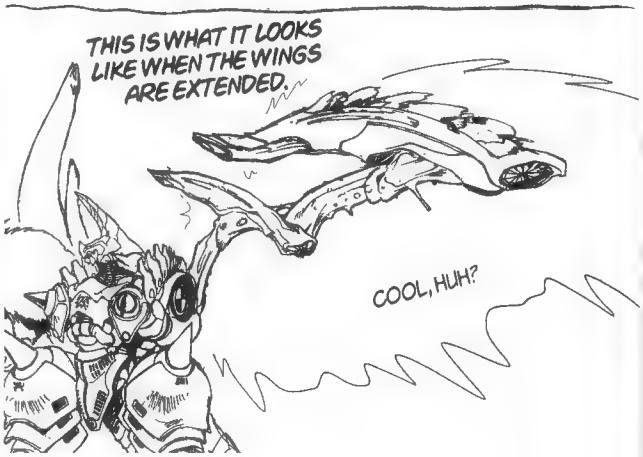
ROUGH #4
BACK VIEW - WITHOUT THE FLYING UNIT.

ROUGH #3
FLYING UNIT ATTACHED - BACK VIEW.

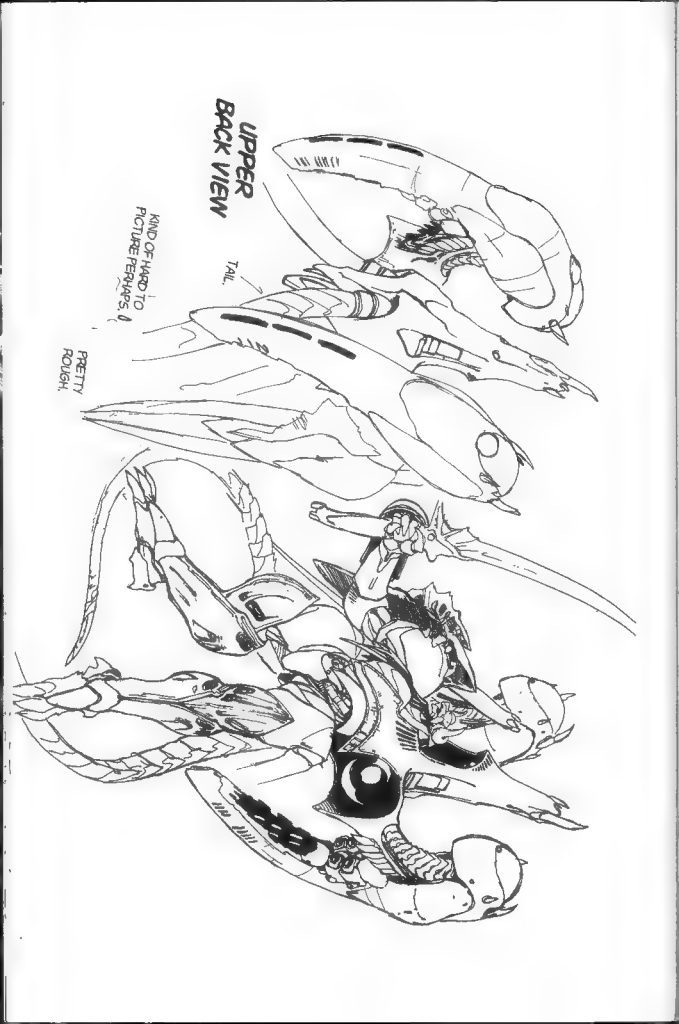


YEAH, YOU KNOW, IT'S BRUTAL DOING THIS KIND OF STUFF WITHOUT ***INSPIRATION***. THIS COOL COMMISSION WAS TO CREATE A DUDE BASED LOOSELY ON A DRAGON AND WHO HAS THE CHARACTERISTICS OF BOTH A LIVING BEING AND A MACHINE. SOMETHING LIKE THAT.





THE DRAGON WARRIOR, STILL POSSESSING THOSE KINDS OF DRAGON QUALITIES, WAS REMODELED SO THAT A HUMAN CAN ***USE IT AS ARMOR*** AS A TYPE OF ***ANTI-GOD*** WEAPON. THE DRAGON WARRIORS INDIVIDUALLY POSSESS THEIR OWN WILLS, BUT NOT QUITE A SOUL. THUS, BIOLOGICALLY THEY CAN BE CONSIDERED AS BEING DEAD. IF THE DRAGON'S POWERFUL SOUL, THE ***GHOST CORE***, IS FUSED WITH A SPECIAL HUMAN SOUL THAT IS ON THE SAME FREQUENCY, THE DRAGON WARRIOR CAN TAKE THIS MERGED SOUL AND THE GHOST CORE AND FUNCTION ALMOST ETERNALLY. UNLESS, OF COURSE, IT IS DESTROYED COMPLETELY OR THE SOUL OF THE WIELDER IS OBLITERATED.



THE HUMAN WHO FUSES WITH THE DRAGON WARRIOR IS THUS REBORN AS A SUPER LIVING BEING. THEY GAIN THE DRAGON WARRIOR'S ULTIMATE STRENGTH AND POWER ALONG WITH AN ALMOST INDESTRUCTIBLE BODY AND SUPREME INTELLIGENCE.

ALTHOUGH THE DRAGON WARRIOR WAS CREATED WITH THE SAME TECHNOLOGY AS THE BIO-WEAPON OF THE ANCIENT WORLD, ANTHRASAX, IT IS ACTUALLY NOT ALIVE, AND WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT AGAINST ANY HIGH DIMENSIONAL BEING— SIMILAR TO ANTHRASAX; THE DRAGON WARRIOR IS ABLE TO CONDUCT A 100 SECOND SUPER DIMENSIONAL ATTACK BY COMBINING SEPARATE ELEMENTS

AAAH. ABRIDGED VERSION.

FOR EXAMPLE, RUMIEL OR URIEL.

WAS IT THAT?

SHAPE OF WING WITHOUT THE OTHER PARTS. KIND OF LIKE THIS.

VIEW FROM THE BACK

KIND OF ROUGH, BUT YOU GET THE IDEA...

WING MECHANICS

THIS SHINES.

RULIA'S FAVORITE→

④ INCIDENTALLY, IN THE ORDERING STAGE, EACH DRAGON WARRIOR HAD A NAME OF AN ANGEL FIXED TO IT, BUT IN THE BOOK VERSION, THEY PROBABLY HAVE MORE EVIL NAMES.

I'LL EXPLAIN SOME THINGS NOW.
THE DRAGON WARRIOR THAT LARS FUSED WITH WAS A PROTOTYPE MODEL STILL IN DEVELOPMENT STAGE AND WAS CALLED ***PROTO 1.***

PRINCE LARS, WHO HAD FUSED WITH THE DRAGON WARRIOR IN ORDER TO DEFEAT THE FORMER D.S., WAS IN TURN FLUNG INTO A DIFFERENT DIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE DUE TO THE SHOCK THAT THE DRAGON WARRIOR SUSTAINED WHEN THEY SIMULTANEOUSLY TOOK EACH OTHER OUT. HIS SOUL WAS THEN FLUNG BACK INTO THIS WORLD BUT WAS FORCED TO WANDER THE EARTH IN THAT FORM. THE ***TEN WISE MEN*** CALLED THESE KINDS OF CASES ***CURSES.***

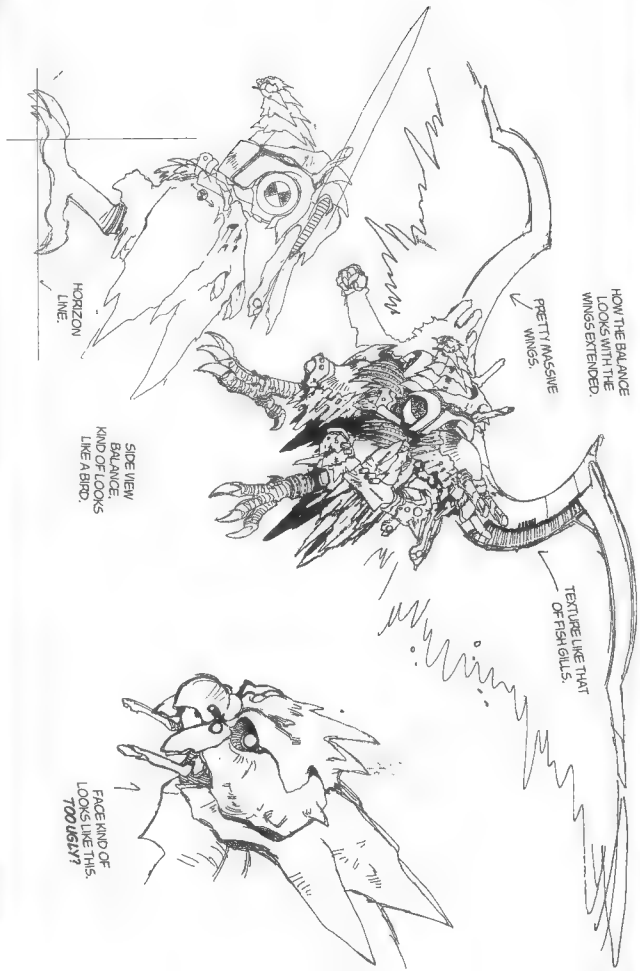
ADDITIONALLY, THE DRAGON BODY THAT ANTHRASAX DESTROYED WAS THE ***PROTO 1*** THAT THE TEN WISE MEN HAD RECOVERED. WHEN IT WAS DESTROYED IT SPIT OUT THE PHYSICAL FORM OF LARS BECAUSE THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT LARS AND THE PROTO WERE FUSED WAS SO SHORT.

DOES THAT MAKE SENSE...?

(ﾒ)

RAGMUL

(ﾒ) ARE THINGS STARTING TO MAKE MORE SENSE? ***NO?***


HOW THE BALANCE LOOKS WITH THE WINGS EXTENDED.
PRETTY MASSIVE WINGS.
HORIZON LINE.
SIDE VIEW BALANCE. KIND OF LOOKS LIKE A BIRD.
TEXTURE LIKE THAT OF FISH GILLS.
FACE KIND OF LOOKS LIKE THIS. ***TOO UGLY?***

HAGIWARA AND STAFF FEAR THE FUTURE LOOMING NEAR.

REAR VIEW

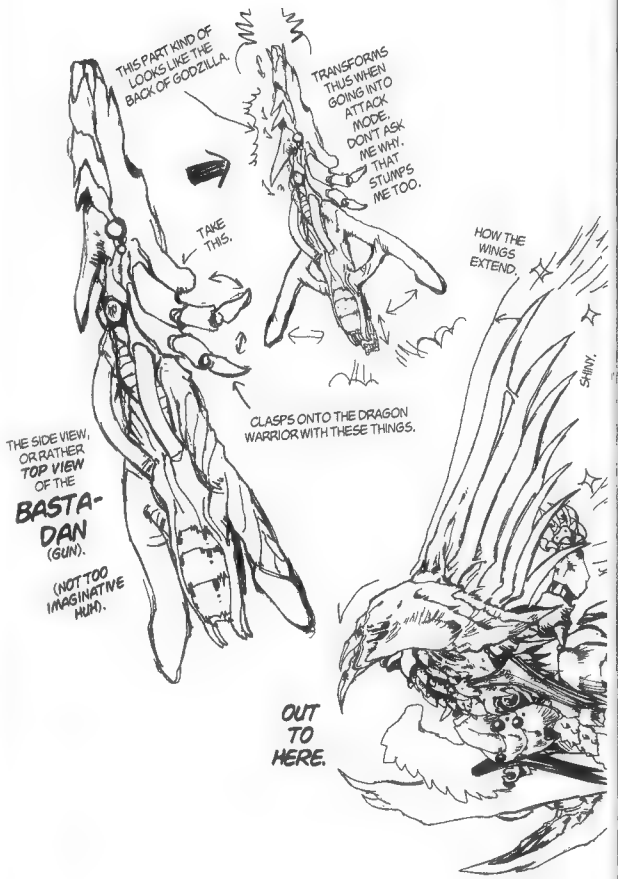
THE TIME OF REALITY DRAWS NEAR! HOWEVER...

DRAGON WARRIOR HEAD VARIATIONS

GYAAAAH! SHIT! CRAP! MR. SHINKAIDA'S DESIGNS AREN'T GOING TO FIT! I DON'T WANT TO REDUCE THEM IN SIZE EITHER, SO WAIT FOR THE NEXT BOOK! SORRY! SORRY EVERYONE!

THANKS RULIA!

THANK FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING! IF IT'S POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO FUSE WITH YOU SOMETIME THIS YEAR! SO WAIT FOR ME. BUT HAGI SEEMS PRETTY SLOW ON THE UPTAKE THESE DAYS, HUH?


THIS PART KIND OF LOOKS LIKE THE BACK OF GODZILLA.
TRANSFORMS THUS WHEN GOING INTO ATTACK MODE. DON'T ASK ME WHY. THAT STUMPS ME TOO.
TAKE THIS.
HOW THE WINGS EXTEND.
SHINY.
CLASPS ONTO THE DRAGON WARRIOR WITH THESE THINGS.
THE SIDE VIEW, OR RATHER TOP VIEW OF THE BASTA-DAN (GUN).
(NOT TOO IMAGINATIVE HUH).
OUT TO HERE.

THIS! THIS IS IT! ALL THIS BLING AROUND THE NECK... SOB.
ABI'S CLOTHES
THIS PART OF THE CAPE CAN BE BROUGHT FORWARD.
WOOD
IS THIS STAFF TOO WEIRD?
IT'S A SUPER STICK.
ALLIGATOR AND SNAKE SKIN.
THIS IS A PAIN TO DRAW, YOU KNOW.
SOB.

LARS'S CLOTHES
ULTIMATE HOLY SWORD.
HEAVY METAL.
LOOKS KINDA STIFF WHEN HE TAKES THE COAT OFF... OR EVEN WITH IT ON?
...NOT ENOUGH OF A TWIST?
DON'T SAY THAT... YOURS HAS A TON MORE DETAILS THAN MINE. JUST KILL ME NOW, HAGI.

(MANAGER): "NOT AT ALL."

KANAJIWA: "COULDN'T MAKE OUT THE WRITING."

KISE: "OR THE DRAWINGS."

I STILL HAVE NO IDEA HOW FAR TO GO WITH THE ORIGINAL PLAN FOR THE ANIME OR ANYTHING BUT... I HOPE I WAS OF SOME USE...

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE TONS OF PAINFUL, DIFFICULT, AND FRUSTRATING TIMES.

(LAUGH)

(MANAGER): "...WAS IT REALLY THAT GREAT...THAT THING THAT HAGIWARA DID...

A FISH?

GIGGLE

THE THIRD AND FOURTH STORIES ARE ESPECIALLY AMAZING SO BE SURE... **BE SURE TO SEE IT, OKAY?!**

IT'S DONE.

A MASTERPIECE.

THUD

AAAAH

I'M GLAD I DID IT...

SO PLEASE BUY IT.

IN MAY, OKAY?

IT WAS REALLY QUITE A LEARNING EXPERIENCE. RIGHT NOW, THE F[1] STORY IS DONE AND IT'S JUST GREAT.

BEEP!

THIS THING...

NOT THAT HUSH HUSH, I GUESS.

PLUS I WAS ABLE TO SEE ALL KINDS OF STUFF FROM THAT WORLD THAT I CAN'T REALLY WRITE ABOUT.

HEY, SHIORI♡

TRULY THE CREATOR TYPE OF PEOPLE TO THOSE WHO DO THE THANKLESS TASKS WITH ALL THEIR POWER BEHIND THE SCENES. SUCH A VARIETY.

HEH, **HEY!**

OOH. THIS TOWER... THEY MADE THIS FOR ME, HUH.

Kei-Tee IS GOOD TOO.

MAINLY I HAVE COMEDY AND ACTION, HAHA...

YOU GOTTA HAGIWARA 6!!

END OF VOLUME GREETING AND GADGETS

STUDIO LOUD IN SCHOOL

FWOOOH

BUT IT FEELS PRETTY GOOD... AAAGH...

KIND OF DANGER-OUS?

TREMBLE TWITCH

COMPLETELY IN TATTERS.

COMBUSTIBLE CAMPUS.

GUARDRESS.

GUARDRESS IS DONE. ♡

MASAMUNE

FIRST OFF...

COUGH, PHEW.

HAGI-WARA HERE.

HELLO EVERY-ONE.

THE OCEAN

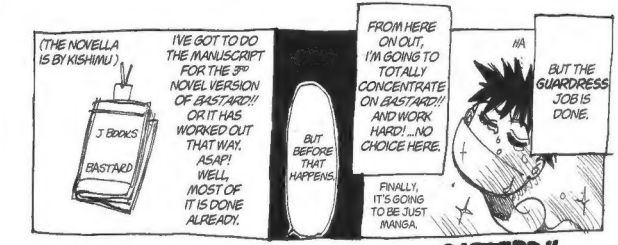
TREMBLE TREMBLE

CONTINUOUSLY BEING **ENCOURAGED** BY MY MANAGER, I IGNORED EVERYTHING OUTSIDE BASTARD!!, EVEN CHRISTMAS, END OF YEAR PARTIES, EVEN NEW YEAR'S TRADITION IN ORDER TO STRUGGLE THROUGH MY PERSONAL HELL AND CREATE THIS STORY. (V)

NNH! NNGH

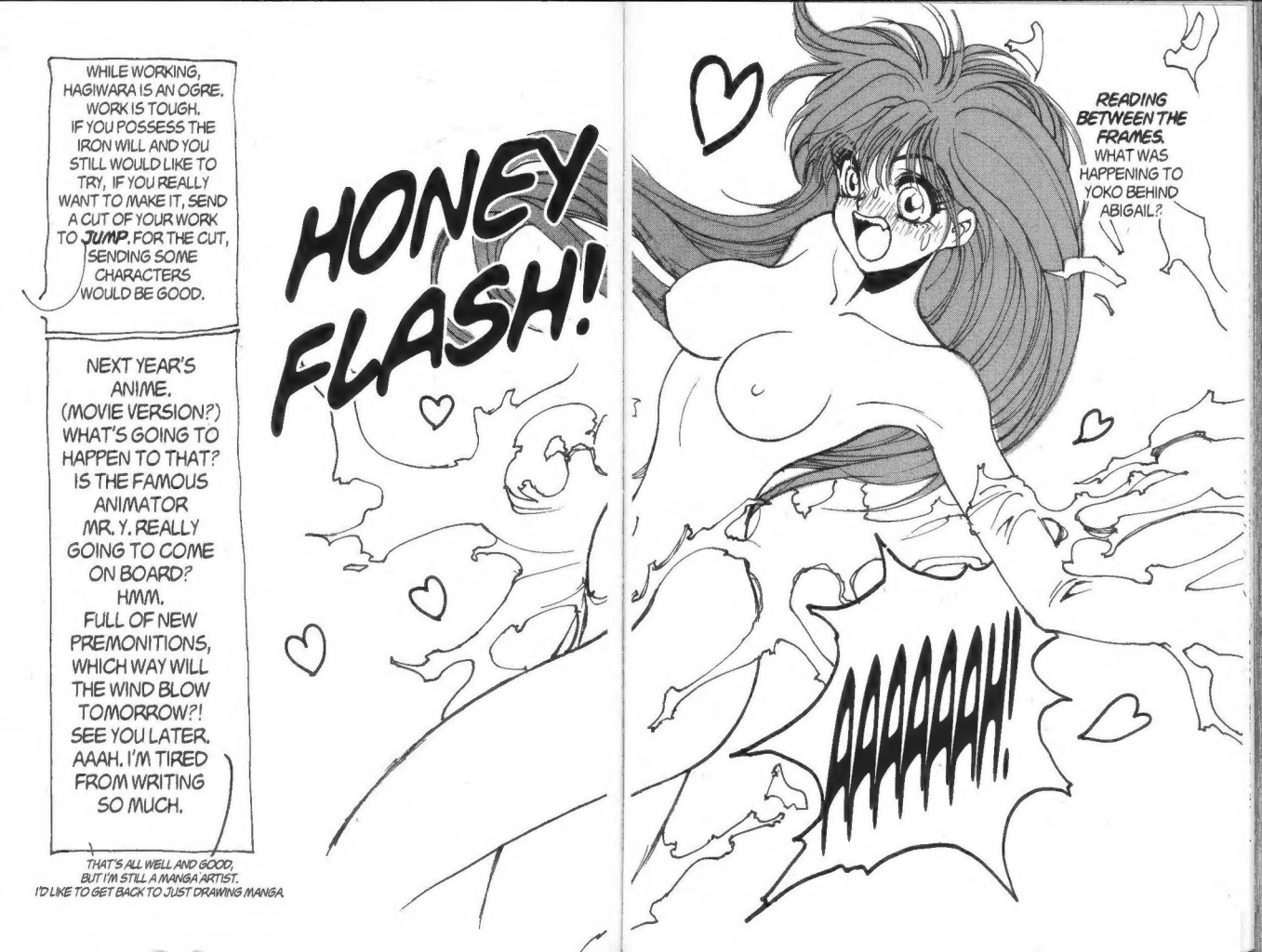
BEGINNING IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR TO THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR ('94), THIS TOOK ALL OUR TIME FOR MANY WEEKS...

VOL 1~4 (WARNING) THESE ARE NOT BEING SOLD AT BOOKSTORES. HEHE.
TITLED "WONDERFUL MEGADEATH 5 CD ON SALE! COMBUSTIBLE CAMPUS ULTRA OUT THERE BASTARD! HANDSOME GUY WARRIOR OUT OF THIS WORLD (TENCHIMUYO)!" (STRICTLY AN EXAMPLE)
ALSO, THE DOUJINSHI THAT CAUSES MUCH GRIEF EVERY SUMMER (...), WONDERFUL MEGADEATH, HAS BEEN PUT OUT AS A CD THIS YEAR. OR, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THE PUBLISHER DECIDED TO MAKE IT INTO A CD AND THEN DISTRIBUTE IT!
FLASH
WONDERFUL MEGA DEATH
THE PRINT JOB IS SUPERB. THAT I CAN POSITIVELY DECLARE.
ALSO, IF YOU BUY THIS CD, YOU MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN THE LEGENDARY DOUJINSHI WONDERFUL MEGADEATH. (LAUGH)
GOTTA SAY, IT'S LAVISH WRITING, LAVISH VOICES (YOU CAN'T BUY IT AT A COMIC STORE). RESERVE YOURS AT A BOOKSTORE/ RECORD STORE.
EVERYONE KEEPS DEBUTING...
AH.
ONE MORE THING. I'M RECRUITING MORE STAFF.
OH NO. I'M TIRED ALREADY.
FLASH
EVERYONE! DON'T BE FOOLED! THIS PLACE IS...
MMGH
KIMI EAS...
WORK WILL BE ABOUT 2/3 OF THE YEAR. RIGHT NOW, WE'RE DOING ALL THE WORK AT ONCE BY SEASONAL PUBLICATION. YOUR SALARY WILL BE BASED ON YOUR EFFORTS AND MIGHT BE GIVEN MULTIPLE TIMES. FOUR TIMES A YEAR, WHEN A MANUSCRIPT GETS FINISHED UP, BONUSES OF ONE MONTH'S WORTH WILL BE GIVEN OUT EVEN IF THERE IS NO OTHER WORK. IF YOU ALSO LIKE MOVIES, ANIME, AND GAMES IT MIGHT BECOME EVEN MORE FUN. HE HE HE HE.
I'M NOT TOO CONFIDENT RIGHT NOW, BUT I'LL DO IT...
ROOT FOR ME. ♡
(MANAGER): I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...


(THE NOVELLA IS BY KISHIMU)
J. BOOKS
BASTARD
I'VE GOT TO DO THE MANUSCRIPT FOR THE 3RD NOVEL VERSION OF BASTARD!! OR IT HAS WORKED OUT THAT WAY. ASAP! WELL, MOST OF IT IS DONE ALREADY.
BUT BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.
FROM HERE ON OUT, I'M GOING TO TOTALLY CONCENTRATE ON BASTARD!! AND WORK HARD!...NO CHOICE HERE.
FINALLY, IT'S GOING TO BE JUST MANGA.
HA
BUT THE GUARDRESS JOB IS DONE.

KIND OF LIKE THIS!
BASTARD!! (SAMPLE)
BEAST OF BLACK RAINBOW
BEAST KING BACH A PRINCE ONCE WROTE.
70 YEARS BEFORE THE GOLEM WARS OF YORE. EAST OF THE WARS, ON THE CONTINENT OF MAN SHIHED, THERE EXISTS A VIOLENT AND CRUEL KING WHO IS WAGING HIS WARS OF CONQUEST WITH HIS GIGANTIC ARMY OF HORSEMEN.
THIS CONTINENT ALSO HIDES A SECRET THAT RENDERS MAGIC USELESS. THUS D.S. IS NOT ABLE TO USE HIS MAGIC POWERS AND ON TOP OF THAT, LOSES HIS MEMORY.
THIS IS A STORY OF D.S., THE ONE WHO ROSE UP FROM THE DESOLATE LANDS AND A CRUSHED PEOPLE, TO STAND ALONE AGAINST THE MASSIVE ARMY OF THE EMPIRE. AND HE KICKS ASS!

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK.
SCRIB SCRIB
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT I'LL JUST TRY.
MAYBE THERE'S A PREVIOUS GENERATION OF SHITTENOU.
FWOOOOH
REALLY, WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
DURING THAT TIME, GARA AND ABI AREN'T THERE WITH HIM YET, KALL IS JUST AN AUTISTIC LITTLE KID, NEI IS JUST A KID... IN OTHER WORDS, THERE'S NO SHITTENOU TO HELP YOU OUT, DARK SCHNEIDER!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?!
YOU BETTER NOT JUST BE TALKING BIG AGAIN!
HUH?!
WHA...!
HEY, DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY THAT YOU HAD MOST OF IT DONE ALREADY...


WHILE WORKING, HAGIWARA IS AN OGRE. WORK IS TOUGH. IF YOU POSSESS THE IRON WILL AND YOU STILL WOULD LIKE TO TRY, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO MAKE IT, SEND A CUT OF YOUR WORK TO JUMP. FOR THE CUT, SENDING SOME CHARACTERS WOULD BE GOOD.
NEXT YEAR'S ANIME. (MOVIE VERSION?) WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THAT? IS THE FAMOUS ANIMATOR MR. Y. REALLY GOING TO COME ON BOARD? HMM. FULL OF NEW PREMONITIONS, WHICH WAY WILL THE WIND BLOW TOMORROW?! SEE YOU LATER. AAAH. I'M TIRED FROM WRITING SO MUCH.
THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD, BUT I'M STILL A MANGA ARTIST. I'D LIKE TO GET BACK TO JUST DRAWING MANGA.
HONEY FLASH!
READING BETWEEN THE FRAMES. WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO YOKO BEHIND ABIGAIL?
AAAAAAH!